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BRITAIN MAY OBTAIN MORE DESTROYERS FROM UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, MAR. 10 (REUTER).—THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL ANNOUNCE THE TRANSFER OF ANOTHER BATCH OF DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL.

BRITISH NAVY'S GRIM BATTLE

To Defeat Nazi Blockade

(By "Reuter's" Naval Correspondent)

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The opening phases of the battle for Britain in 1941 are being fought out far from the sight of land, in and above the troubled wastes of the Atlantic Ocean.

It is relentless, ceaseless and silent warfare of which little will ever be heard save for an occasional trickle of news of some heroic exploit. But the progress of the battle will be marked in the periodic figures of British and Allied shipping losses, and in the tally of the damage inflicted on enemy raiders both on the sea and in the air.

With the improvement of the weather as the spring "campaigning season" opens it is becoming clear that immediate German strategy in the west is an endeavour to implement the threat made by Hitler in his last speech of intensified naval warfare on an unprecedented scale.

The Germans are determined to do their utmost to cut the ocean lifeline along which food and supplies reach Britain, and with the American Lend and Lease Bill on the threshold of becoming law they will concentrate, too, on the impending flow of vital American war materials to Britain.

The German advance last year with its ensuing occupation of 2,000 miles of European coastline presented a new problem which the British Navy and Air Force are tackling with greater determination.

Convoys New Supplies

When President Roosevelt signs the Lease and Lend Bill which will bring supplies to Britain, the Navy's task will be further increased as they must then find further convoys to ensure the safe arrival of these supplies.

The main battle area lies north-westwards from Britain and eastwards from Iceland, and here the naval vessels are fitted with the newest devices for detecting submarines and are waging a day and night battle.

New Air Bases For America

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Approval was given by the United States Senate to the establishment of air bases on the sites acquired from Britain when it passed to-day the \$245,228,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "Destroyers for Bases" deal.

The Senate Naval Committee reported that the total of \$58,250,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of bases on the sites acquired from Britain.

Yugo-Slavia, Mobilising, Is Ready to Sign Pact

BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, M. Cincar-Markovich, is expected to leave for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugo-Slavia and the Axis Powers.

Some reports say that he has already left.

The pact may be signed to-morrow evening.

Meanwhile, Yugo-Slavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers are daily becoming more openly revisionist in tone. General Zhekov, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students: "We live in

Italians Smashed In New Greek Offensive

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The fourth day of the big Greek offensive against the Italian centre in Albania continues to-day with unabated fury.

The Greek troops, states the Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination. Two mountain ranges have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

MALTA REPELS 400th RAID German Bombers

MALTA, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Three enemy formations attacked Malta from different sides at noon to-day, according to a communiqué.

A formation of bombers came over the south coast but did not release bombs.

Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmitt 110's attacked and machine-gunned the seaplane base.

This followed two alarms during the morning when the enemy approached Malta, presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the mid-day raid, the enemy approached the coast in the afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been 400 raids on Malta.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed here that now that the Bill is passed, the legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill on the theory that if the country wants the Bill, it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Regional Status Quo

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Senate to-day unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American Power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult other American Republics to determine upon the steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives to-day unanimously agreed on the pro-

cedure whereby after a two hours' debate on the Lease and Lend Bill to-morrow, a further vote will be taken on the proposal to agree to all the Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican, told reporters to-day that in the two roll-calls, 89 out of 95 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain either for the Lease and Lend Bill or Senator Robert Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of \$2,000,000,000. This, he said, showed a "far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."

Press Urges Action

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—The "New York Times" in an editorial, says that following the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill bold action is required. Firstly, preparations must be made to transfer to Britain such weapons, particularly destroyers and planes, as can be spared from America's own armaments. Secondly, steps must be taken to consolidate the purchasing programme with the British. Thirdly, production must be enormously accelerated.

The "Philadelphia Record" comments: "We only hope that beginning now, the President will proceed to make the most of his powers. The course is now charted; there must be no flinching, no quibbling."

The "Philadelphia Inquirer" declares: "Helping Britain to stop the Axis 'Plunderband' before it can gain a foothold in the western hemisphere is the prime necessity for our security."

LATEST

Immigration Department Inquiry

Practically no public interest was displayed in the opening of the inquiry into the Immigration Department this morning, only two members of the public attending at the Council Chamber.

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, presided, the remainder of the Commission consisting of Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. D. Drummond and Mr. H. K. Woo, with Mr. K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer was present as was Mr. J. P. Murphy, the Crown Solicitor.

The first witness to be called this morning was Mr. W. Putney, the Accountant General.

After Mr. Barnett had read the proclamation establishing the inquiry, the Chief Justice said he wished to observe that the inquiry was a public one and that both through the English and Chinese press invitations had been extended to members of the public to give evidence. He wished once again to stress that invitation.

The Commission would sit both in the morning and afternoon in order to complete the inquiry as soon as possible, so that the Commission could make its report and submit it to the Governor at the earliest possible date. He therefore asked for the co-operation of the public.

The Chief Justice also revealed that yesterday afternoon Mr. Barnett received a letter dated and postmarked March 7, which was addressed to him, but which had been delivered in error at the Immigration Office.

The letter had been re-directed and marked "No such person in this office," while the letter had also been opened. The Chief Justice said he would like the Immigration authorities to investigate and to find out who was responsible for opening the letter, and to take proper action against the person.

The Commission then started its work, Mr. Putney being called as first witness.

The proceedings are continuing.

The Italians, who have been driven from their network of machine-gun posts cunningly concealed in deep caves of rocks, are stated to have suffered heavy casualties, whole detachments being wiped out.

One of the principal units defending the approaches to Tepelini, key-town to Valona Harbour, endured particularly severe losses. Nearly all the effectives of the Seventh Black-shirt Battalion were also killed.

A few prisoners were taken, including Major Pelligrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Duce To Bottai

Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Education Minister, Bottai, who may have been killed.

A personal message from Mussolini to Bottai was found on an unidentified body of a major, begging Bottai to do everything in his power to stop the Greek advance. "Otherwise," said Mussolini, "Fascism would die with a stain upon it. Fascist Italy bases her last hope on your defence. Save her."

Matsuoka Story

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (Central News).—Much speculation has been aroused in newspaper circles in Shanghai by the action of "Trans-ocean" in "killing" the Matsuoka story.

The agency yesterday issued a story stating that Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, was shortly proceeding to Berlin to confer with German government leaders but ten minutes after the release of the story, it was cancelled. No explanation was given.

Algerian Minister Visits Vichy

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Admiral Abrial, Governor-General of Algeria, arrived here to-day and was received immediately by Marshal Lattre. The visit follows that of General Weygand who is expected to return to his post shortly.

Admiral Abrial commanded the French destroyers which assisted in the embarkation at Dunkirk.

Downed Plane Hits Houses

When a German plane was brought down recently over Bromley, Kent, it crashed into two houses and demolished them. The people in the houses were saved by R.A.F. workers. The German pilot was found dead. This picture shows part of the wrecked plane amid the ruins of the two houses.



Rendel Leaving Bulgaria

British Interests In
U. S. Envoy's Hands
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SOFIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Minister, Mr. William Rendel, is scheduled to leave to-night at 10.40 in a special train, with 50 members of the British colony.

The American Minister, Mr. George Earle, will officially take over the British interests at 5.30 p.m. A small plaque signed by Mr. Earle has been placed on the British property stating that it was under United States protection.

Other Ministers Leave

ISTANBUL, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Polish, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian Ministers from Sofia with their Consuls and staffs will arrive at 5 p.m. Mr. William Rendel, the British Minister, is expected to arrive to-morrow evening by special train.

BRITISH BUDGET

Taxes On Services
Considered

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The passage of the American Lease and Lend Bill will have repercussions on the British Budget, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer is now preparing, but it will not avert the still heavier imposts from the British tax-payer.

Sir Kingsley Wood will present next month—the largest budget in history; but it will not cover expenditure of American war materials which will go into a separate account and will be kept secret until the end of the war.

Already the Chancellor and experts are seeking fresh ways of keeping revenue. There may be some increase in direct taxation although this form of taxation has almost reached saturation point.

It is believed that the officials are turning toward expedients like tax on services namely imposts on railway fares, meals in restaurants and the like.

National Income

The Budget speech will be preceded by a candid statement on the national income, designed to give a picture of the nation's real financial strength.

It was recently estimated that the British national income this year of £28,000,000,000 would expand further next year.

Allied with the question is that of inflation. The Government has emphasised that it will not hesitate to impose the necessary checks if any inflationary tendency becomes apparent.

Italian Cruiser Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—An Italian cruiser of the Condottiera Class has been torpedoed and almost certainly sunk by a British submarine, says an Admiralty communiqué.

Wonderful Year For Hongkong Dock Co.

A remarkably successful year has been enjoyed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., according to a statement issued for publication to-day.

The profit and loss account on December 31, 1940 showed a total working profit of \$1,474,896.30, which the Directors of the Company propose to allocate as follows:

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| Pay a Bonus thereon of 5% p.a. for half year | 20,216.50. |
| Place to Reserve | 750,000.00. |
| Pay a Bonus to Staff | 70,000.00. |
| and carry forward to next year account | 200,000.00. |

R.A.F. FIGHTERS CROSS CHANNEL

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Three offensive sweeps were made by aircraft of the Fighter Command over the English Channel and occupied France this afternoon, says an Air Ministry communiqué.

Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered and one British fighter is missing.

There was no opposition by enemy aircraft, the communiqué adds.

There was a brief alert to-night, but no air raid incidents were reported. Enemy activity during the day has been mainly over the Channel and south-eastern England. There was little damage and no casualties reported.

Mid-East Aerial Activity

CAIRO, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Tripoli Harbour was again attacked during Saturday night and bombs were dropped on Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania, states to-day's R.A.F. communiqué.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodromes of Dire Dawa despite an attempted interception by Italian fighters.

A direct hit was also obtained on a train approaching the town and another on the station at Addis Ababa.

In the Keren area, Eritrea, troop positions were bombed and machine-gunned while other bombers were harassing an Italian column retreating from Burye and bombed a village near Debra Marcos.

Troops Advance

NAIROBI, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The British advance into Abyssinia continues.

Announcing this, a British communiqué states that British troops have occupied Gabor Darre, an important road junction 140 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier, and that operations are proceeding according to plans.

New York Bus Strike

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Nearly a million workers living in the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Queens had to find other means of getting to work this morning when 3,500 employees of the omnibus companies in those boroughs struck.

They are asking for 25 per cent. increase in wages and better working conditions. The buses of the companies affected in recent years have replaced most tram services.

British Seize Another French Cargo Ship

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The alleged seizure of a French cargo ship called Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser was announced here to-day.

This has led the French news agency to declare that the remark about the defence of the French Empire made in the communiqué issued after last night's meeting between General Weygand and Admiral Darlan and other Ministers, also applied to communications—between metropolitan France and the Empire.

The original communiqué stated that the defence of the Empire would be "energetically assured by French forces alone against all aggressors."

In this connection, the "Havas" agency recalled that Admiral Darlan has repeatedly declared that he would not allow French ships to be seized or French people to die of hunger. "If our protest should be in vain," the French news agency further reports Admiral Darlan as saying, "and if Britain continues to hold up and TURN to Back Page, Column 3

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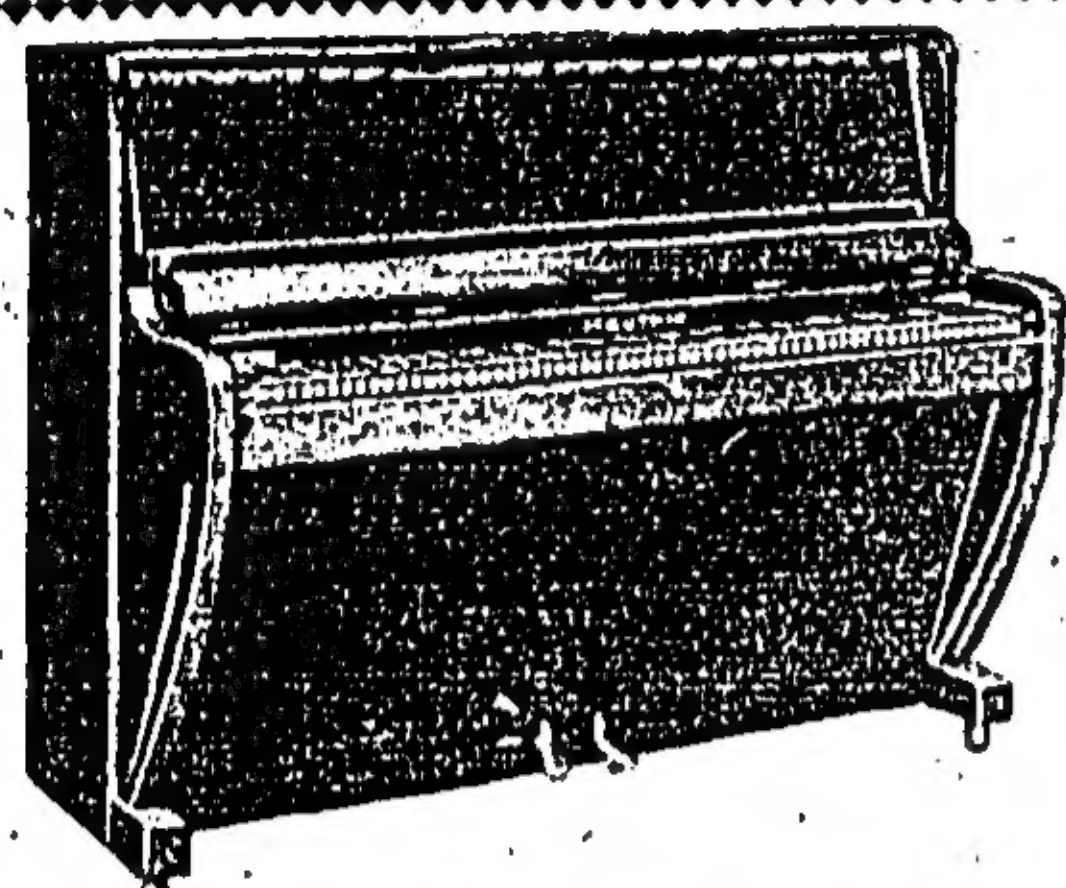


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FIREWOOD FRAUD

"Squeeze" in the Far East, having been tacitly legitimatised by tradition, the gentle art of defrauding people has become a notorious feature of life in Hongkong. The insidious habit of "squeeze" has found expression in all forms of business transactions, from the house "boy" who seeks to make that little extra at the expense of his employer to big commercial firms engaged in important deals; and, so long as it is not pushed too far, "squeeze" is now recognised as a necessary evil to be borne with a grimace.

There are distinctions, however, and cases arise where so-called "squeeze" becomes outright fraud, meriting severe punishment. In this category can be placed the latest "racket" which apparently is being practised by some firewood dealers.

When firewood, one of the essential commodities of the average Chinese in his daily life, recently touched a new local high record in price, Government rightfully decided to do its best to protect the tens of thousands of impoverished Chinese by fixing the price; the order went out, 40 catties per \$1, which in itself was high enough and allowed the retailers a fair margin of profit. But this, apparently did not suit the dealers, and several started casting around for ways and means of getting in that little bit of "squeeze". One method according to reliable information, has been to soak the firewood in water, which naturally has the effect of adding considerable weight to the wood, to the loss of the customer and the rich gain of the dealer. This is fraud and should be treated as such by the authorities. Clearly it is not sufficient to impose fines of \$25 in such cases. The dealer's profit from his fraud for one day alone would more than cover that amount. Punishment to fit the crime—and this is a crime—can be the only way of stamping out such a beastly racket. Either the fine must be so big that it hurts the offender, or he should be sent to prison.

The victims too, should be encouraged to play their part in bringing these rascals to book. European householders, for example, should invite their servants to reveal straightaway when they are victimised; and the matter should be

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Can We Beat The U-Boat Menace?

By Capt. Bernard Acworth,
D.S.O., R.N.

TO the question, "Can we beat the U-boats in 1941?" the answer is Yes—if only because we must beat them if they are not to beat us.

When British folk are fully aware that they must achieve a worthy object there is no such word as "can't" in their dictionary. But before outlining how our task is to be accomplished, let us face its magnitude. At our average rate of loss in merchant ship tonnage for the past fifteen months—which includes a long period when our losses in convoy were very slight—we are losing little short of 3½ million tons a year.

We started this war with nearly 2,000 fewer ships than in 1914; we have many more mouths to feed and our food production at home is less than in April, 1917, the blackest month of the last war.

In that grim month we had the French, Italian and Japanese Navies to help us, whereas one of these fleets is now fighting us, and one at least of the other two is potentially hostile.

It's Serious

In 1917 the enemy had not the use of the Channel and French Atlantic ports, and now he has. We had the use of the Irish ports, and now we haven't.

And last, but not least, we then had the triumphant convoy system in reserve, whereas now we have it in use.

Mercifully, we have no great army to supply on the Continent, neither have we now, as then, to feed and fuel Italy and France.

In spite of these great present advantages, which on no account must we forgo, Lord Woolton has recently confirmed what I asserted, under correction, many weeks ago—that our present danger is greater than it was in

brought to the attention of the police. "Squeeze" can be accepted with a certain amount of tolerance when the victim is a person who can afford to pay that little extra, but it is a different matter when those who can only just manage to eke out an existence are, to use an Americanism, taken for a ride, by grasping merchants, whose profits, even after a completely honest deal, are not negligible.

April, 1917, when, as now, sinkings were exceeding replacements.

It will thus be seen that our task of decisively beating the U-boats is as urgent as it is difficult, but the measure of the task is the measure of the resoluteness and success with which it will be undertaken.

How are we going to set about it? I use the word "we" advisedly, because every Briton on land has an active part to play which is as vital as, if less exciting than, the part played by each individual sailor and airman.

Ours is the negative side; theirs is the positive.

First, then, for our part.

This, as Lord Woolton has said, lies in cheerfully cutting our demand for seaborne goods, to the point of tightening our belts. Thus we save shipping space.

Here all privilege should be ruthlessly eliminated, no more generous fare being available in the expensive hotels, restaurants and West End clubs than in the poorer places.

The next source of great economy in ship-space lies in a reduction, wherever possible, of our importation of sea-borne oil and petrol.

Remember that a very large part of our depleted merchant-ship tonnage consists of "one-way" tankers which can carry nothing but oil to us and salt water, as ballast, from us. These tankers, even when empty, need escort.

Fuel And Food

My views on this great fuel problem are well known, and I will not labour them, but it is clear that every new ship that burns coal, and every transport vehicle that is changed over to gas, or producer gas, saves ship-space and foreign exchange, and brings unemployed British miners actively into the fight against the U-boats.

RIDDLES OF 1941

— Eighth Article —

for an army of Continental dimensions, which so much of our ship-space is being used to equip.

There you have the Battle of the Atlantic on the Home Front. How are these civil efforts to be crowned with success by the Navy and Air Force?

The problem of the sea is two-fold—tactical and material. I take the tactical problem first, as it is the one that must, and can, be solved quickly, whereas the material one requires time that may not be available if the tactical one remains unsolved.

The tactical problem is the convoy system, which means the grouping of merchant ships on passage into a compact body and the guarding of such groups by escorting warships.

Safety on the high seas is obtained by evasion of U-boats rather than by action by the escorts if the U-boats sight the convoy.

Safeguards

A group of merchant ships in a compact body implies the seas of single targets—the group, if compact, being little more likely to be sighted in a vast expanse of sea than a single ship.

Thirty dispersed ships thus provide nearly thirty chances of attack compared to the single chance of the group.

The fundamental safeguard of convoy therefore lies in using the vast expanse of ocean for the passage of our merchant ships to the neighbourhood of our ports and the avoidance of restrictions on the line of approach of which the U-boats become aware.

If the probable course of approach is known, the enemy can concentrate his U-boats for attack far out at sea, and convoy then becomes a positive danger. (U-boats, remember, can keep the sea for weeks and range for thousands of miles.)

No such restrictions governed the approach of convoys in the last war, and our hunting craft were concentrated at points of convergence near our shores.

At these points, to which the U-boats had to come if they were to sight the convoys, they were heavily attacked, and destroyed.

Long-ranging aircraft from the French Atlantic airfields now make it probable that the convoys will be sighted far from the land.

When sighted, 180-m.p.h. enemy bombers and torpedo planes, but not slow U-boats, can be called up, and air attacks delivered.

Those directing the convoy system have thus to choose between the risk of almost certain bomber attack and the less certain, but much more deadly, deep-sea U-boat attack.

Choice Of Evils

It is in this choice of evils that judgment may err.

And it takes courage as well as judgment, to invite the certain, but far less deadly, attack of aircraft in order to lessen the uncertainty, but far more deadly attack by a concentration of U-boats that know within narrow limits, where the convoys will approach.

This is an example, and there are others, where a right judgment by a self-reliant individual may make the difference between success and failure in the operation of the convoy system while we are short of escorts for attacking the U-boats.

Key Points

We must hope, not fear, that errors have been made, because errors can be rectified.

The material side of the problem is less a matter of judgment and more one of ceaseless effort to augment our anti-submarine craft, our long-range fighters and new merchant ships.

These should have priority over all other war material. The practical steps needed to defeat the U-boats can now be summarised as follows:—

1. Spartan economy in all seaborne goods.
2. The need of agriculture to have priority over all war material except ships and fighter aircraft.
3. The reformation of the convoy system.
4. The elevation of merchant ship construction, to the highest priority and fighter aircraft to the second highest.
5. Concentration of bombing operations not so much on industrial targets and invasion ports, as on U-boat bases.

Failure to defeat the U-boat means the defeat of our cause. Success means its victory.

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TO-MORROW:

What Next in the Balkans?

By SIR RONALD STORRS,

One of the greatest authorities on the Near and Middle East.

PADEREWSKI ON AMERICAN AID

American aid for the Allies was discussed with unusual brightness by M. Paderewski, the pianist and first Prime Minister of modern Poland, in a broadcast made from his hotel in New York. He told Americans that contribution to the war effort meant sacrifice, not deals.

"All of you are under the impression that your present collaboration for the final victory of the democracies is something that deserves general appreciation and praise," he said. "Far from under-estimating the importance of your help to date I have to make some reservations as far as your contributions are concerned."

"First of all the cash and carry rule leaves you very little opportunity. Even the transaction of exchanging 50 destroyers against important strategic naval bases has again to be considered rather as a deal than as a contribution."

"Contribution means sacrifice. Don't you Americans realise that every plane, every load of munitions, which reaches England postpones the prospect of your eventual armed intervention?"

Common Victory

"Across the ocean there are millions of men already fighting and eager to fight for the final victory which is the common victory of civilisation and democracy. They need proper arms, they need food, they begin to feel a shortage of the means of transportation and they need financial assistance."

"Their defeat would directly endanger this country. Their victory will be your victory too."

M. Paderewski said that there was no truth in a report that he had vowed not to play the piano again until Poland was liberated.

Emergency Plans For N. E. I.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BATAVIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Consulate here has issued circulars to English subjects in the Netherlands East Indies, suggesting that they keep a moderate store of canned goods and gasoline and money in their houses in case of emergency.

The British authorities insist that these are only precautionary measures for those Britons who intend to stay here.

According to reliable English circles, the lawn at the British Consulate has been torn up by workers constructing large raid shelters.

U.S. Treatment Of Negroes

"Threat to Democracy"
The most striking flaw in American democracy is its treatment of Negroes, Edwin R. Embree, president of the Julius Rosenberg Fund of Chicago, declared recently in an address to the Yale Graduate Sociology Club.

"Our attitude toward this race is a threat to the whole theory and practice of democracy," he declared. "So long as we degrade one segment of the people, we set a pattern of caste and discrimination that may easily be transferred to other groups."

To prove the progress of the Negro, he cited the following statistics: literacy has jumped from five per cent at the time of emancipation to 85 per cent to-day; the death rate has dropped from 32 per 1000 in 1880 to 15 per 1000 to-day; economic status has climbed until 700,000 Negroes now own their own homes and 150,000 own their own farms.

"They are still far from making their full contribution to American culture and prosperity," he said. "We must go much further in equalising opportunities."

Pressure on Willkie To Change War Stand

The "New York Post" recently reported that "publisher Roy W. Howard, of the 'New York World-Telegram,' was only one of a number of persons who attempted to induce Wendell L. Willkie to change his stand on the war issue and oppose President Roosevelt's aid-to-Britain policy."

The article stated that Verne Marshall, head of the No Foreign War Committee, and William Rhodes Davis, international oil operator, who is said to have brought Germany's peace terms to America, both "argued with Willkie" to change stand.

"This was confirmed by Willkie," said the "New York Post," after Marquis W. Childs, Washington correspondent of the "St. Louis Post Dispatch," obtained the information at the Capital.

"Davis and Marshall, it was established, went together to Hobe Sound, Florida, while Willkie was on vacation there recently and attempted to enlist him in opposition to the Administration policies."

DEFENCE COMMITTEE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction at the appointment of Lieutenant-General Claude Auchinleck as Commander-in-Chief was expressed in the Assembly today in a debate on the question of the appointment of a Defence Committee.

A Government spokesman said that General Auchinleck was firmly of the opinion that the possibilities of his receiving the view and advice of representatives of the public on the one hand and his giving them useful information useful on the other, required regularisation. General Auchinleck hoped that arrangements will be worked out whereby this can be given effect.

If members would like to go and see the Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements for them.

Frontier Loyalty

PESHAWAR, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A gathering of 800 Afghans and other tribes presented £75 to the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province and expressed their loyalty to the Government.

They also expressed a desire to join the army and fight Hitler.

Police Reserve Orders Issued

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police: Chinese Company

Strength—Constable (R) 33 Lin Kachin has been permitted to resign from the Chinese Company, as from March 5, 1941.

Training Course—Part III.—The following have passed Part III of Training Course on January 12, 1941: Constables (R) 102 Luk Fook-hoi, (R) 102 Tsui Kweng-cheung, (R) 103 Choi Ching-chee, (R) 103 Lam Han-po, (R) 107 Mark Fook-to, (R) 107 Tsang Hon-tee, (R) 101 Lam Tsok-hang, (R) 104 Ip Fook-chuen and (R) 100 Chan Fook-cheung.

"A" and "B" Courses.—Training Course—Part IV.—Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu-chuen on Wednesday, March 12, at 17.15 hours sharp. Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Indian Company.—Constable (R) 214 Channan Singh is highly commended and granted the Commended Service Bar by the Commissioner of Police for zeal and alertness in arresting a Chinese male on January 4, 1941, which subsequently led to the arrest of four other Chinese males who were all convicted at the February Sessions for Armed Robbery.

Training Course—Part II.—Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Tuesday, March 11, at 17.30 hours sharp for examination in Part II of Training Course.

Training Course—Part III.—Those detailed will attend Indian Company Headquarters on Friday, March 14, at 17.30 hours sharp for examination in Part III of Training Course.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Flying Squad.

Training Course—Part I.—Members of the Home Guard Section will attend Central Police Station on Tuesday and Friday, March 11 and 14, at 17.15 hours for Part I of Training Course.

Members of the Kowloon Section will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, March 14, at 17.30 hours for Part I of Training Course. Dress—Blue Uniform.

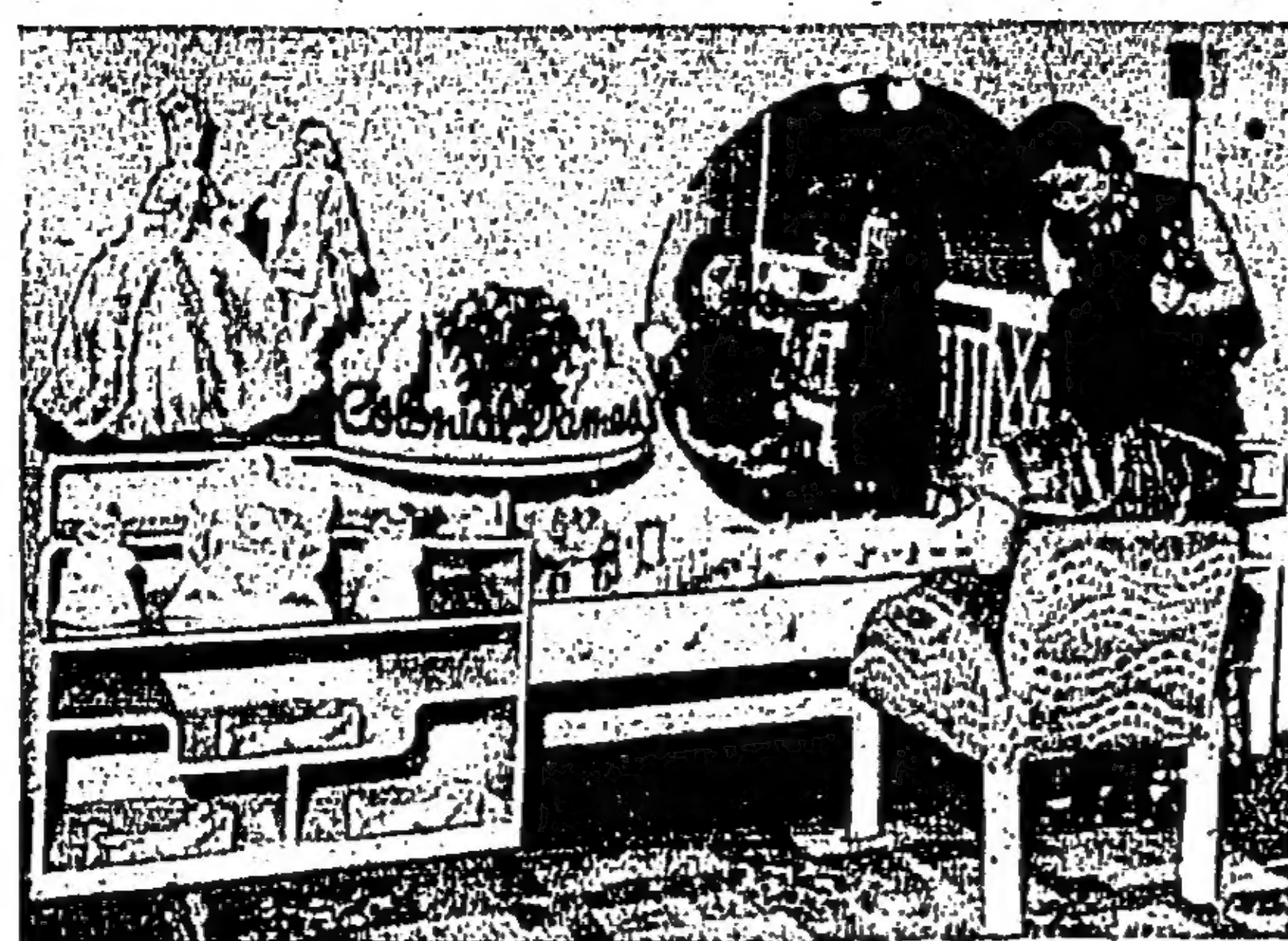
Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

Emergency Unit Reserve.—Strength—Police Sergeant (R) 427 J. C. Power has been permitted to resign from the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from February 20, 1941.

Training Course—Part II.—All members of the Company who have not qualified in Part II of Training Course will attend No. 2 Police Station on Wednesday and Friday, March 12 and 14, at 17.15 hours sharp for examination in Part II of Training Course. Dress—Blue Uniform.

Patrol Duty—Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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Miss Irene Lau, trained beauty expert of the A.P.S. Cosmetic Shop, is here seen giving a demonstration of three-dimensional make-up, the last word in beauty culture. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

UNION CHURCH MEETING

Activities of Year

The 17th annual meeting of the Kowloon Union Church was held yesterday, Mr. A. W. Ingram, Chairman of Committee, presided. Present were Rev. Frank Short, Superintending Minister, Rev. J. E. Sandbach and Rev. E. Moreton, of the Methodist Church, and several members.

Reviewing activities, Mr. Herbert Noble, Hon. Secretary, said:

Early in the year, at the suggestion of the Superintending Minister, a Church Club was organised with the object of providing opportunities for fellowship, both devotional and recreational, between members of the Forces and members. The Club held a few successful meetings and seemed to have every chance of prosperity but has fallen on evil days since July. On the December 23 the Club entertained a group of poor children, nobly assisted by girls from the Heep Yunn School.

The church is greatly indebted to Mr. A. N. Mackenzie for his constant care of the property; to Mrs. Mackenzie for her care of Communion Linen, a responsibility undertaken in July by Mrs. Richards in addition to that of arranging the flowers. We have also to thank Mrs. Richards for many other deeds of kindness. The church is most fortunate in its voluntary workers.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Short for giving so much time and thought to the welfare of the church; Rev. E. Moreton, Secretary of the Union Church, Hongkong; Mr. Sandbach and Mr. Moreton for their help in holding the Sunday Services.

Income was \$9,507, which was disbursed on various activities. Ordinary contributions were \$1,881. The largest individual item of income was Marnie Kent, which amounted to \$2,400. The balance of \$1,600 standing to the credit of the Redecoration Account was utilised in renovating and repairing the Church and Manse. Officers and Committee of Management were re-elected.

CENSUS TO BE TAKEN

Task For Wardens This Week

As already announced, a census of the Colony's population will be undertaken on the evenings of Thursday and Friday by the Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens, under instructions from the Government.

At present, there is only an approximate idea of the population of the Colony, and it is of great importance to know the numbers and distribution of people who may have to be fed and sheltered in time of emergency.

The Hongkong Corps of Air Raid Wardens have been instructed by Government to compile a statement of the number of people at present in the Colony, their nationality and their ages, that is, one to nine years, ten to sixty years, and over sixty years.

In order to ensure that as far as possible no individual is counted twice, it has been decided on the nights of Thursday and Friday, to confine the census count in each house, etc., to those persons who normally sleep in that house. All other persons who may by chance be in the house at the time of the census, but who do not sleep there, should not be included.

In case some may suspect an ulterior motive lurking behind the census, they can be reassured that it is nothing more than an effort to arrive as closely as possible at the number of persons actually living in the Colony.

It is learned that 3,500 Wardens will take part in the census, which will include street-sleepers.

STOCK EXCHANGE GILT-EDGED HOLDINGS MAIN FEATURE

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, interest was mainly centred on gilt-edged holdings in which further rises were registered although a little profit-taking fractionally reduced early gains.

India stocks made further headway on good buying. Elsewhere business was confined to small limits. Among the foreign bonds, Czech and Austrian loans were slightly higher.

Wall Street was dull.

COMPANY REPORTS

Dairy Farm's Allocation Of Year's Profit

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. will recommend to shareholders at the ordinary yearly meeting to be held on Thursday, April 3, 1941, at noon, that after depreciating Fixed Assets and providing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees, the balance at Profit and Loss Account as at December 31, 1940, amounting to \$302,439.39, which includes \$85,307.52 brought forward from last account and from which has been deducted \$146,097.50 interim dividend, be appropriated as follows:

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| Pay a final dividend of \$1 per share | \$293,335.00 |
| Transfer to Cattle Reserve | 25,000.00 |
| Carry Forward | 74,104.39 |
| Total | \$392,439.39 |

Belgian Army Of 90,000 Help British In Africa

A Belgian army of 90,000 men has been organised in the Belgian Congo for action with the British, it was disclosed recently at the New York office of the Belgian Embassy. Of this number, it was stated, "several divisions" were sent to Kenya some time ago. These are now co-operating with the British in action against Italian East Africa. There are also some Belgian units fighting with the British in Libya.

War supplies for the Belgian army in question are being purchased in the United States with gold mined in the Congo.

The information disclosed that the Belgian troops in Africa were expected to play an important part in military developments.

Second King George V Class Battleship

It is believed in London that two of the new King George V class of battleships have been commissioned. They are H.M.S. King George V, which arrived in Annapolis recently, and H.M.S. Prince of Wales, upon which construction was commenced simultaneously.

When the remaining three battleships of this class—the Duke of York, Jellicoe and Bantey—are commissioned, Britain will have five battleships which will more than equal the combined new constructions of both the Italian and German navies.

The cost of these five battleships will exceed £40,000,000.

In addition, Britain is building four super-battleships which will be larger and more powerful than any in existence or planned anywhere in the world.

Formidable Craft

Two will be named Lion and Temeraire, after two battleships in the last war. Names of the remaining two super-ships have not been disclosed.

Until the commissioning of these four super-ships, which will cost £9,000,000 each and will exceed 40,000 tons, the King George V. class will be the most powerful, if not the largest, warships afloat.

The King George V. and its sister-ships are armed with ten 14in. guns in two quadruple and two twin turrets, each of the former weighing 2,000 tons.

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GOVERNOR RETURNS

Sir Geoffry Due This Week

The Governor, Sir Geoffry Northcote, who has been in England on sick leave for 10 months, is expected to return this week.

A communique from the Colonial Secretariat yesterday stated that Sir Geoffry was due on Thursday or Friday. It was impossible to give more than a few hours' notice of the actual time of his arrival, but Sir Geoffry had notified the Government that if possible he would be glad to see on Queen's Pier when he arrived senior naval and military officers, who will be notified, Judges, members of the Councils and Consular body, senior cadet officers and heads of departments, all without their wives.

There will be no guard of honour and at Sir Geoffry's request, dress will be service uniform or lounge suits.

Sir Geoffry, who took up his post here on October 28, 1937, left on May 10, last year for a holiday in Ceylon, having been indisposed for some weeks. It was announced that he would be absent for only a few months and Mr. N. L. Smith, Colonial Secretary, became officer administering the Government.

In July, however, it was announced that Lieut.-General E. F. Norton had been appointed acting Governor as Sir Geoffry had continued to England. Lieut.-General Norton, who arrived on August 6, has not been in good health recently and has had to cancel many engagements.

When Sir Geoffry left England in January he intimated that he was making the trip to Hongkong via America.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: "The market gives an impression of neglect. But there are quite a few enquiries which disclose a dearth of available scrip."

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,335.
Union Ins. \$317.50.
Lights "O" \$0.15.
Lights Rts. 65cts.

Sellers

H.K. Banks \$1,350.
Providents \$17.50.
Hotels \$3.40.
Lands \$32.
Trams \$10.75.

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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

FOOD FOR FRANCE

Darlan's Warning

Vichy, Mar. 10. The Premier, Admiral Darlan, told American correspondents to-day that he would order the French fleet to escort foodships unless Britain showed more comprehension of the serious food situation in France. However, he denied reports that he had already ordered such escort.

Simultaneously he announced that another French freighter had been seized by the British south of Capetown, making the 14th since January and 108th since the armistice.

Admiral Darlan said that he had notified Admiral Leahy, the American Ambassador, of the acute food situation. He said that the British attempt to starve Germany was ineffective as was shown by Germany releasing 2,000,000 of her 270,000,000 quintals to France.

He did not intend to protect foodships for the next two weeks, after which he would be forced to do so in order to prevent the starvation of 40,000,000 French.—United Press.

Supplies For Children

Vichy, Mar. 10. The American Ambassador, Admiral Leahy, to-day issued a statement announcing the arrival of the third foodship within three weeks, but did not state whether it was bringing oatmeal which the British Government refused to allow.

Admiral Leahy declared: "The Government arranged recently that an American Red Cross ship, which the British Government agreed to allow to pass through the blockade, should bring to France some badly needed supplies for children and the sick. I am most happy that the ship Cold Harbour, carrying milk, vitamins, drugs and clothing for distribution through the American Red Cross to French children has arrived at Marseilles and in less than three weeks' time another Red Cross vessel will arrive with additional quantities of foodstuffs, clothing and medical supplies.

"These supplies are the gift of the American people to the people of France—and are symbols of their sympathy for France in her hour of need and of their friendship. It is my sincere hope that it may be possible to send increasing quantities of supplies to be distributed among the civilian population in unoccupied France."—United Press.

Children Line Dock

Marseilles, Mar. 10. The long-awaited American relief ship carrying babies' woollens, medicines and vitamin concentrates arrived to-day. Scores of French children lined the dock waving French and American flags, but the deepest gratitude was felt by mothers throughout the free zone who, for weeks, have had to close their hearts to the cries of their children whose hunger was unappeased because of the terrible short milk ration, which was barely enough to keep their babies alive.—United Press.

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DUCE IN ALBANIA

Hopeless Report
By Cavallero

Athens, Mar. 10. Mussolini had visited the Italian forces in Albania, according to statement by Italian prisoners who said that the Duce received a despairing account of the present position from General Cavallero, Italian Commander-in-Chief. There is at present no confirmation, however, of these reports.

Newspapers, basing their claims on the prisoners' stories assert that three Fascist leaders have been killed during the fighting in Albania, namely Boini, Minister of Education, Cincinelli, Under Secretary for Corporations, and Deputy Int. The Greeks state Boini's body was carried off only after the Italians made a desperate effort. A letter was found on the body of a man supposed to be Boini. It was said to be from Mussolini and declared that unless the Greek attack were repulsed, Fascism would receive a death blow.

Mussolini's tour, it is said, accomplished in an armoured car equipped with machine-guns.—Reuter.

Seven Italians Downed

London, Mar. 10. The R.A.F. has achieved new successes in Albania, according to a communique issued in Athens to-day. Bombing raids were made last night in the Tepelini area. Six Italian fighters and one bomber were brought down during engagements yesterday.

A severe battering was administered by the R.A.F. to the Italian port of Durazzo on Saturday night. There were many explosions and great fires broke out in the harbour.—Reuter Bulletin.

Italian Air Claims

London, Mar. 10. To-day's Italian press communique reported local activity on the ground and considerable air activity in Albania, adding that four enemy aircraft were shot down.—Reuter.

ANDERSON SHELTERS A Limited Supply Now Available

The Air Raid Precautions Department has had made a number of modified Anderson Shelters and these are now available for supply to the public.

Experience of recent air raids in Great Britain has proved the value of these shelters as protection against high explosive bombs. They are suitable for erection in small gardens or backyards.

The modified Anderson Shelters will be supplied to applicants at cost price, which is \$148 each for a shelter capable of holding six to eight persons. This price is exclusive of transport from the store to the purchaser's address, which must be borne by the purchaser himself, but a book of instructions will be provided free with each shelter.

As the supply of shelters is limited, intending purchasers should apply without delay to the Director of Air Raid Precautions, Air Raid Precautions School, No. 88 Morrison Hill Road, Hongkong.

BOMBER FUND RAFFLE DEPOT



The Monster raffle organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee and the South China Morning Post, Ltd. in aid of the Bomber Fund is receiving every support from the public. Innumerable handsome prizes are offered, the first prize being a new Sunbeam-Talbot sports car donated by Messrs Gilman and Co., Ltd. Photo shows the main depot for sale of tickets at the Star Ferry wharf. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Decrease In Kowloon Storage

While the contents of Island reservoirs at the end of February showed an increase over those at the corresponding date in 1940, reservoirs in Kowloon showed an appreciable decrease.

On the Island, the storage was 1,332.27 million gallons against 1,054.38 million gallons, and on the Mainland the figures were 1,339.90 and 1,014.85.

Consumption of water on the Island during the month was 398.87 million gallons (including 174.04 million gallons from the Mainland and 2.37 million gallons of unfiltered water) by an estimated population of 830,000 at the rate of 17.1 gallons per head per day. The rate in February, 1940, was 15.1 gallons per day by an estimated population of 960,000.

In Kowloon, excluding the Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock, the consumption during February was 297.25 million gallons by an estimated population of 770,000, or 13.6 gallons per head per day, as against 290.17 million gallons by 800,000 persons at the rate of 11.2 gallons per head per day in February, 1940.

The Lai Chi Kok Water Boat Dock consumed 3.53 million gallons, as against 0.45, and the consumption of unfiltered water in the villages totalled 12.15 million gallons against 10.38 the previous February.

There was a 17-hour supply during the month. In 1940 there was a full supply from February 6-8 (Chinese New Year) and a 17-hour supply otherwise on all other days.

Rainfall recorded during the month was: Botanical Gardens, 5.87 inches; Tatum Tuk 5.49; Tatum 6.16; Wong Nei Chong 5.29; Pokfulam 5.08; Aberdeen 6.42; Royal Observatory 5.54; Shing Mun No. 1 5.40; Shing Mun No. 2 4.90; Shing Mun No. 3 4.55; Shing Mun No. 4 5.34; Shing Mun No. 5 5.20; Shing Mun No. 6 5.02; Kowloon 5.33; Shek Li Pul 4.88; Taiipo 5.38; Fanling 5.75; Un Long 4.05 and Tai Lam Chung 6.14.

The reports of the Government Bacteriologist and Analyst show that the quality of the water was excellent on both sides of the Harbour.

FIRST AID LESSONS

A course of instruction in "First Aid to the Injured" will be given by Dr J. E. Dovey in the Board Room of the South China Morning Post, Ltd., Wyndham Street (by courtesy of the Management) as under:

Commencing, Tuesday, March 18, Lectures. Commencing Friday, March 21, Practical.

The above course is open to the general public, and is specially recommended to anyone desiring to join the St John Ambulance Brigade as a regular member or as a member of the A.R.P. Auxiliary Reserve of the Brigade.

Y'S MEN'S MEETING

Professor Brownell, Professor of History at Lingnan University, will speak on "What Germany Forgot" at the 11th meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at St Francis Hotel on Thursday.

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The following are subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch: Previously acknowledged, \$100 and \$507,157.

F. W. Pudney (March), \$25; A. M. Lamberger, \$25; J. A. V. Hart Davis (monthly), \$10; "Wayoung" (March), R.H.G., \$50; John Medlin (March), \$20; G. C. Worrall (monthly), \$50; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Tardiff (monthly), \$10; A. McAlpine (monthly), \$10; P. J. W. L. Bowley (monthly), \$2; G. H. Catterley (monthly), \$2; L. M. Wylie (monthly), \$2; M. F. L. Haynes (monthly), \$10; Miss K. M. Anderson (monthly), \$50; Miss J. W. Duckwell (monthly), \$50; L. M. Bicheno (monthly), \$10; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster (monthly), \$50; J. D. Gillespie, \$25; Pay-Li T. A. H. Cox, \$10; Some of the Chinese Staff of Holt's Wharf (February), \$42.50; Mrs. F. M. Deacon (monthly), \$10; Miss Grace Ezra (monthly), \$10; Miss Mosey, \$10; Capt. F. J. Lottus (January), \$20; R.E. W.O. and Sgt. Mess, \$20; Two Majors, \$45; Autographs, \$10; Kensington Docks Recreation Club (for St Dunstons, 11th), \$150; G. Miskin, \$50; Miss N. M. Wentworth, \$10; G. Lyon Mackenzie (monthly), \$100; Mr. Berahna & Co. (monthly), \$25. Total \$523,381.12.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children have received the sum of \$10 from "R. D." in memory of the late Mr. John Lowrie.

Donations to Charity

A sum of \$750 has been remitted to the Royal Alfred Institution for the relief of distress amongst members of the British Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets and their dependants, by the British War Organisation Fund.

A similar sum has been remitted to the British Red Cross and St John War Organisation Fund. This makes a total of \$30,065.22 remitted home by the British War Organisation Fund since its inception.

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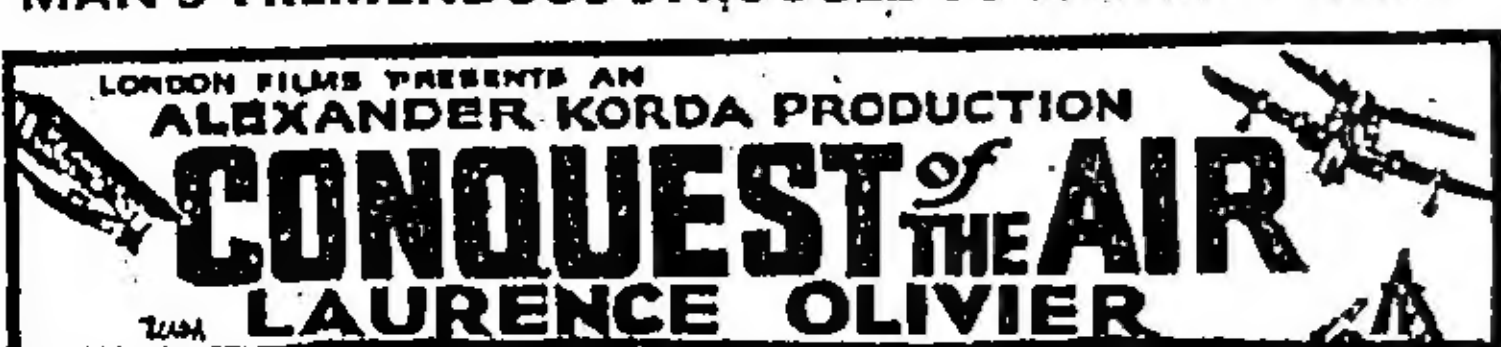
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British Seize Another French Ship

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seize our cargo ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships.

Protest To S. Africa
The French Government is under flood to have protested to the South African Government against the alleged stopping south of Cape Town, of the French cargo ship the Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser, reports the official French news agency to-night.

The protest is stated to say that such actions far from the theatre of operations are unjustified and can have no effect on the result of the war.

The French ship was on her way from Dakar to Madagascar. She is stated to be fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year and the 108th since the Armistice.

U.S. Steamer Arrives
VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The arrival at Marseilles of the United States steamer Cold Harbour, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children and invalids, was announced to-day by Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador.

He added that the steamer Exmouth was expected in three weeks with a similar cargo.

U.S. Intervention
WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—It is regarded here as likely that the United States will intervene in the blockade dispute between Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely here.

How far the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from the British is a matter for conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it will be recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to despatch milk, clothing and medicines to Un-occupied France.

Britain Explains
LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said, "We in this country continue to hope that France will show understanding of our blockade policy. If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government would be prepared to consider them but so far no such proposals have been put forward. It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic collaboration with Germany."

"Admiral Darlan may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not only 40,000,000 in France but many times that number of enslaved people in Europe. The Germans may have released 2,000,000 quintals of wheat for France but this scarcely reflects on their generosity since they are only returning a fraction of the wheat they have looted from France in the last ten months."

Passengers Aboard Kashima Maru

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

YOKOHAMA, Mar. 10 (Domei).—Two American-born Japanese sailed from here for Australia at noon to-day to assist Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia. They are Hidemichi Tokimasa a graduate of Hawaii University, and Miss Tamae Tsutsumida, graduate of Saint Maria's High School in California.

Many American and English passengers were also aboard the Kashima Maru which is scheduled to call at Kobe, Hongkong, Manila, Sydney, and Melbourne.

Alfonso Returns To Spain

BERLIN, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The body of the late King Alfonso has been taken across the French frontier into Spain, states a telegram to the official news agency.

The body will be laid to rest in the Royal Vault at the Escorial in the next few days.

LATE NEWS

GAYDA SQUIRMS AND WARNS

Declares Lend and Lease Bill Will Force Japan to Act

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 10 (UP).—Gayda, in an editorial in the "Giornale d'Italia," declares that the Senate's approval of the Lend and Lease Bill is equivalent to direct American intervention in the war and may force Japan to intervene in the conflict on the side of the Axis in line with her Tripartite Pact agreement.

He continues, "The Lend and Lease Bill can but prolong the conflict as the Axis counter-blockade of the Atlantic will not permit American aid to reach the besieged islands."

"President Roosevelt's new move—equivalent to open intervention against the Axis—will finally bring about the application of the Tripartite terms, creating unpleasant surprises in an invasion of the western hemisphere."

IN AID OF RELIEF Plays To Be Given At University

The Arts Association of Hongkong University will present two plays in the University Great Hall on Saturday, March 22, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton. The two plays are Bernard Shaw's "Androcles and the Lion" and a Chinese play in English entitled "The Horsedealer's Story."

A special performance for schools will be given on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. The proceeds from both performances will be given to the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

The "Horsedealer's Story" tells of a horsedealer, who, on returning from a business trip to Szechuan, finds both his children missing. His wife, who is not the mother of the children, and who has sold them into slavery, tells him that they had died of fever. Unconvinced, the horsedealer searches for a servant-girl that she commits suicide, whereupon the wife, who has a secret lover, bribes the magistrate to convict her husband on a charge of criminal assault.

The horsedealer languishes in prison for many years until a new magistrate is appointed.

At this point the play begins. In accordance with convention of coincidence so common in Chinese plays, the horsedealer's daughter has become the wife of the new magistrate and his son is the Judge on Circuit. The evil are punished, the good rewarded, and all live happily ever after.

Early Christian Basis

"Androcles and the Lion" is based on the well-known story of an early Christian, Androcles, having his kindness to a wounded lion rewarded by being joyfully recognised by the same lion in the Roman arena. On this slender basis, Shaw has constructed an excellent two-act drama dealing with war and Christianity. Ferrovius, the warrior converted to the Gospel of non-resistance, is the main figure of interest. Throughout the play, he is torn between his new-found allegiance to Jesus and his instinctive love for Mars. In the end he abandons Christianity: "The Christian God is not yet. He will come when Mars and I are dust; but meanwhile I must serve the gods that are, not the God that will be."

There are those who will disagree with such an outlook. But Shaw writes not to enlist disciples but to provoke thought. And, however much one may find oneself in conflict with Shaw, there is never any denying his irrepressible humour and his fine sense of the theatre. These qualities are very much in evidence in "Androcles and the Lion."

The two plays represent two different schools of drama. The former, belonging to the modern, Western, realistic mode, while the other is in the conventional tradition of the Chinese theatre. Seeing both dramatic forms on the same evening ought to supply data for some interesting conclusions.

Bookings for the plays are now open at the King's Theatre.—Contributed.

KNOX SEES GRIM DAYS AHEAD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox said to-day that the whole world is closer to a frightful form of war than it was 90 days ago.

He declared that the situation is "very, very critical." He conceded that Britain "has been stopped," but added emphatically, "They have not yet been conquered."

Colonel Knox urged the U.S. to build a two ocean-navy which would be the most powerful in the world. He asserted, "We cannot lose sight of the fact that Germany has built the greatest military machine the world has ever known—and we are safe only for two factors—British sea power and British air power."

"President Roosevelt's decision is a deliberate, unprovoked move towards war which will bring about European retaliation against America."

Violation of Pact

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—"An integral coming into play of the Tripartite Pact" is predicted in Rome as the result of the passing of the Lend and Lease Bill, which is described in the Italian press as a "colossal mystification" and "a flagrant violation of the Hague Convention."

The "Giornale d'Italia" remarks that it appears less than likely that war material shipped from America will arrive in Europe in view of the intensification of the Axis counter-blockade.

Japan Thwarted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, speaking at the closing of the People's Political Council to-day, said that the establishment of United States naval and air bases in the Pacific had greatly obstructed the Japanese plan for a "new order" in East Asia.

China and America, he declared, have the same Democratic ideals and are both striving to uphold the Nine Power Treaty.

He asserted that he was confident of final victory in view of the fact that the Chinese army at present possesses double the equipment which it had at the start of hostilities.

The Generalissimo urged resistance against Japanese economic penetration and pointed out that a military victory depends on an economic victory. He also urged national unity for the sake of victory.

BRITISH NAVY'S GRIM BATTLE

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BRITAIN MAY OBTAIN MORE DESTROYERS FROM UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, MAR. 10 (REUTER).—THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL ANNOUNCE THE TRANSFER OF ANOTHER BATCH OF DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL.

BRITISH NAVY'S GRIM BATTLE

To Defeat Nazi Blockade

(By "Reuter's" Naval Correspondent)

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The opening phases of the battle for Britain in 1941 are being fought out far from the sight of land, in and above the troubled wastes of the Atlantic Ocean.

It is relentless, ceaseless and silent warfare of which little will ever be heard save for an occasional trickle of news of some heroic exploit. But the progress of the battle will be marked in the periodic figures of British and Allied shipping losses, and in the tally of the damage inflicted on enemy raiders both on the sea and in the air.

With the improvement of the weather as the spring "campaigning season" opens it is becoming clear that immediate German strategy in the west is an endeavour to implement the threat made by Hitler in his last speech of intensified naval warfare on an unprecedented scale.

The Germans are determined to do their utmost to cut the ocean lifeline along which food and supplies reach Britain; and with the American Lend and Lease Bill on the threshold of becoming law they will concentrate, too, on the impending flow of vital American war materials to Britain.

The German advance last year with its ensuing occupation of 2,000 miles of European coastline presented a new problem which the British Navy and Air Force are tackling with greater determination.

Convoys New Supplies

When President Roosevelt signs the Lend and Lease Bill which will bring supplies to Britain, the Navy's task will be further increased as they must then find further convoys to ensure the safe arrival of these supplies.

The main battle area lies north-westwards from Britain and eastwards from Iceland, and here the naval vessels are fitted with the newest devices for detecting submarines and are waging a day and night battle.

New Air Bases For America

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Approval was given by the United States Senate to the establishment of air bases on the sites acquired from Britain when it passed to-day the \$245,228,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "Destroyers for Bases" deal.

The Senate Naval Committee reported that the total of \$59,250,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of bases on the sites acquired from Britain.

Italians Smashed In New Greek Offensive

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The fourth day of the big Greek offensive against the Italian centre in Albania continues to-day with unabated fury.

The Greek troops, states the Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination. Two mountain ranges have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

MALTA REPELS 400th RAID German Bombers

MALTA, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Three enemy formations attacked Malta from different sides at noon to-day, according to a communiqué.

A formation of bombers came over the south coast but did not release bombs.

Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmitt 110s attacked and machine-gunned the seaplane base.

This followed two alarms during the morning when the enemy approached Malta, presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the mid-day raid, the enemy approached the coast in afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been 400 raids on Malta.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed here that now that the Bill is passed, the legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill on the theory that if the country wants the Bill, it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Regional Status Quo

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Senate to-day unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult other American Republics to determine upon the steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives to-day unanimously agreed on the pro-

cedure whereby after a two hours' debate on the Lend and Lease Bill to-morrow, a further vote will be taken on the proposal to agree to the Senate amendments to the bill. Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican, told reporters to-day that in the two roll-calls, 89 out of 95 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain either for the Lend and Lease Bill or Senator Robert Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of \$2,000,000,000. This, he said, showed a "far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."

Press Urges Action

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—The "New York Times" in an editorial says that following the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill bold action is required. Firstly, preparations must be made to transfer to Britain such weapons, particularly destroyers and planes, as can be spared from America's own arsenal. Secondly, steps must be taken to consolidate the purchasing programme with the British. Thirdly, production must be enormously accelerated.

The "Philadelphia Record" comments:—"We only hope that beginning now the President will proceed to make the most of his powers. The course is now chartered; there must be no faltering, no quibbling." The "Philadelphia Inquirer" declares:—"Helping Britain to stop the Axis 'plunderbund' before it can gain a foothold in the western hemisphere is the prime necessity for our security."

Nanking Soldiers Executed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (UP).—Nanking's "Central China Daily News" to-day said that two former officers of the Nanking Provisional Thirtieth Division were executed by a firing squad last Sunday night in Pootung for the kidnapping, on February 24 of Doctor Ting Zong-yin from in front of his residence in the International Settlement.

The newspaper said that General Ting Shih-shun, Commander of the Thirtieth Division, ordered the executions after receiving permission from Nanking. The kidnappers took the doctor to Pootung whereupon Colonel Ting effected his release without payment of ransom and ordered the execution declaring that he would not allow lawlessness under his garrison.

LATEST

Matsuoka Story

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (Central News).—Much speculation has been roused in newspaper circles in Shanghai by the action of "Trans-ocean" in "killing" the Matsuoka story.

The agency yesterday issued a story stating that Mr Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, was shortly proceeding to Berlin to confer with German government leaders but ten minutes after the release of the story, it was cancelled. No explanation was given.

Cripps' Friendly Moscow Talk

LONDON, Mar. 10 (UP).—It is authoritatively stated that immediately after he returned from Turkey, Sir Stafford Cripps, the British Ambassador, met Mr. Vishinsky and discussed events in the Balkans and the Near East. It is stated that the conversation was exceptionally friendly.

Downed Plane Hits Houses

When a German plane was brought down recently over Bromley, Kent, it crashed into two houses and demolished them. The people in the houses were saved by R.A.F. workers. The German pilot was found dead. This picture shows part of the wrecked plane amid the ruins of the two houses.



"Chaotic" State Of Immigration Office Accounts Alleged

Strong criticism of the accounting methods adopted by the Immigration Department was expressed by Mr E. W. Pudney, Accountant General, when the public inquiry into the Immigration Office was opened at the Council Chamber this morning.

The Chief Justice His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor presided, the other members of the Commission being Mr C. Bernard Brown, Mr D. Drummond, Mr H. K. Woo, with Mr K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary.

Mr R.A.D. Forrest, Immigration Officer was present, as well as Mr J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor.

Mr Pudney referred to the chaotic conditions of the Immigration Office accounts in relation to the cash receipts and payments, and said that the Immigration Office did not seem to have a proper system which could be checked. Treasury officials, including himself, had paid several visits to the office but had found it impossible to check the figures which were in a state of chaos.

Wrong Type Of Men

Referring to the staff engaged by the Immigration Officer, Mr Pudney said that the Officer had not secured the right type of men, and he referred to the engagement of a hair dresser as Secretary.

He himself had recommended that Mr A. J. C. Taylor should be transferred from the Supreme Court to the Immigration Office with the idea of attempting to evolve a proper system of accountability, but he found later that Mr Taylor had been sent to Taipei to carry out the ordinary duties connected with the Immigration Department.

The shroffs at the Immigration Office had also complained that it was impossible for them to carry out their duties in view of the chaotic state of the office.

Violated Regulations

A contract had been signed by the Immigration Officer with Mr A. E. von Kobza-Nagy to become General Agent which was contrary to Colonial Regulations, as these regulations laid down that in any such contracts in which the handling of Government was concerned, the Agent must be secured to a certain extent, depending on the money he handled, whereas Mr Kobza-Nagy was completely unsecured, although he handled sums of money and issued receipts on behalf of the Government.

Mr Pudney said that had he as Accountant General, been consulted he

Residents Urged To Leave Areas

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SINGAPORE, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British authorities in Singapore have notified residents in the east and west coastal regions, covering a 200 square-mile area of Singapore to prepare to evacuate, as it is expected that fighting will take place in those areas in the event of Singapore being attacked. The notification stresses the precautionary nature of the action, but it is added that it might be impossible to give more than 48 hours' warning in the event of hostilities, and therefore, as far as possible, residents should prepare themselves for evacuation now.

Mock Air Attack
Meanwhile, civilians throughout Malaya are being given a taste of war time conditions, the comprehensive defence measures which began on March 6 entering its second phase to-day in which land, sea and air forces, as well as all civilian units are meeting in a simulated attack on the peninsula.

All air raid precaution posts are being manned as Singapore withstands two mock bombing raids and prepares to enforce a complete black-out.

BRITISH BUDGET

Taxes On Services Considered

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The passage of the American Lend and Lease Bill will have repercussions on the British Budget, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer is now preparing, but it will not avert the still heavier imposts from the British tax-payer.

Sir Kingsley Wood will present next month the largest budget in history, but it will not cover expenditure of American war materials which will go into a separate account and will be kept secret until the end of the war.

Already the Chancellor and experts are seeking fresh ways of raising revenue. There may be some increase in direct taxation although this form of taxation has almost reached saturation point.

It is believed that the officials are turning toward expedients like tax on services namely imposts on railway fares, meals in restaurants and the like.

National Income
The Budget speech will be preceded by a candid statement on the national income, designed to give a picture of the nation's real financial strength.

It was recently estimated that the British national income this year of £28,000,000,000 would expand further next year.

Allied with the question is that of inflation. The Government is keeping a watchful eye on that aspect and has emphasised that it will not hesitate to impose the necessary checks if any inflationary tendency becomes apparent.

Sir William Seager

CARDIFF, Mar. 10 (UP).—The former President of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping, Sir William Seager, 70, died here to-day.

British Seize Another French Cargo Ship

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The alleged seizure of a French cargo ship called Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser was announced here to-day.

This has led the French news agency to declare that the remark about the defence of the French Empire made in the communiqué issued after last night's meeting between General Weygand and Admiral Darlan and other Ministers, also applied to communications between metropolitan France and the Empire.

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Yugo-Slavia, Mobilising, Is Ready to Sign Pact

BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, M. Cincur-Markovich, is expected to leave for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugo-Slavia and the Axis Powers.

Some reports say that he has already left.

The pact may be signed to-morrow evening.

Meanwhile, Yugo-Slavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers are daily becoming more openly revisionist in tone.

General Zhukoff, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students:—"We live in

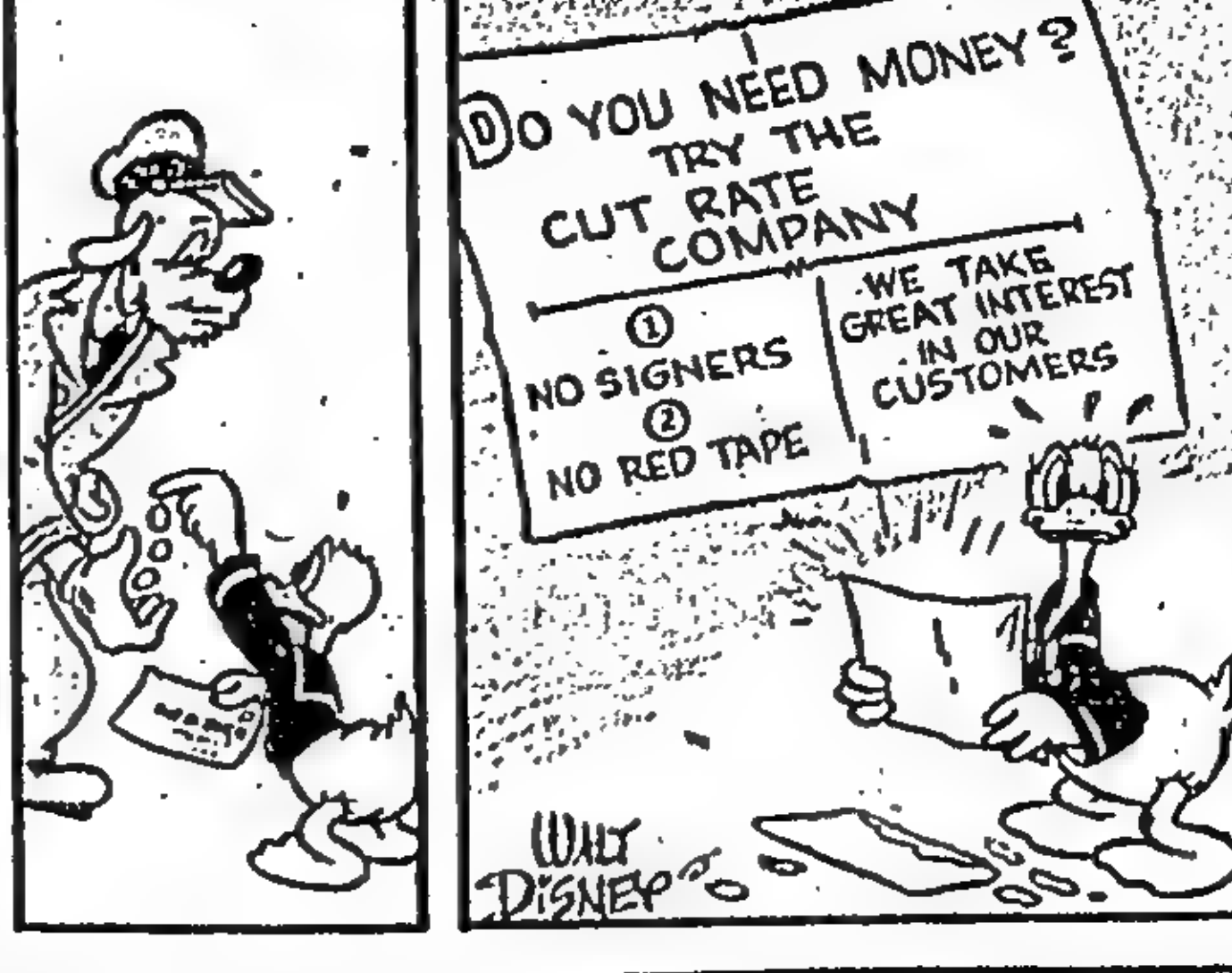
Cannot Leave Belgrade

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BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (UP).—Residents who reported yesterday, according to a country-wide schedule, for assignment to new reporting stations in case they should be called up were informed that they must not leave Belgrade without special permission.

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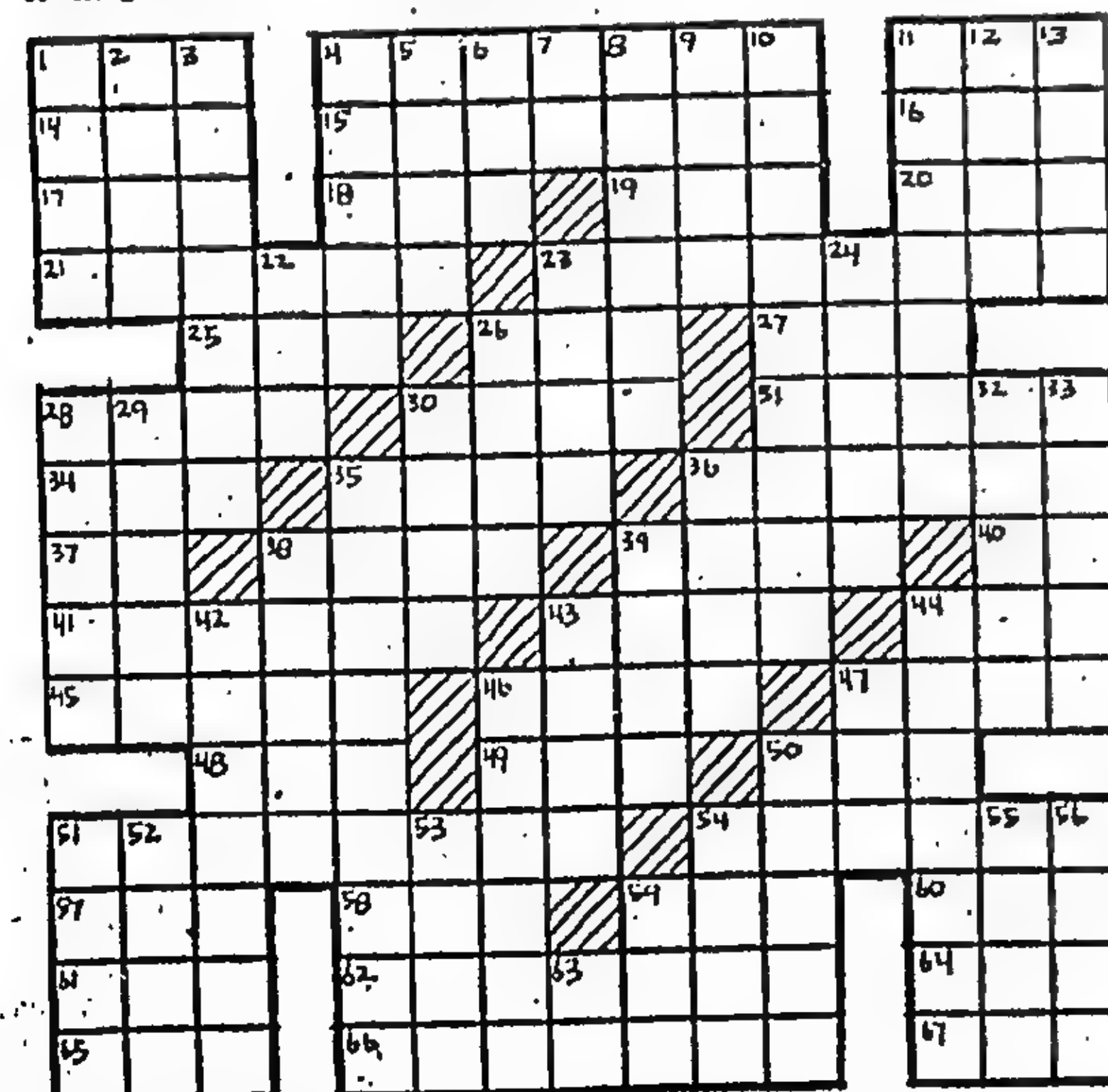
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1—Companion
2—Former
3—Pondy: three
4—Small fish
5—King Arthur's city
6—Conchoidal
7—Transgression
8—Emmit
9—Orkney Islands bay
10—Japanese statesman
11—Wait upon
12—Pathetic
13—Sumo adherent of
14—Gained
15—Hurt
16—Exchange
17—Pile on
18—Metals
19—Wound excretion
20—Allowance for
21—Receipt
22—Pine
23—Otherwise
24—Front
25—40° sharp in N
26—Northwestern state
27—Favor
28—Fellow of Society of
29—Antiquaries (abbr.)
30—African antelope
31—Veget
32—Ancient religious
33—Story
34—Saw eagle
35—Possessive
36—Exploding
37—Tender
38—Creek
39—King of West Saxons

DOWN

1—City in Italy
2—Entrance to mine
3—Edible seeds
4—Heavily enough
5—Part of arm
6—Danish district
7—Hebrew letter
8—Veins of granite
9—Helmann
10—Dwindle
11—Old's name
12—Dwindle
13—Compensate
14—Corn bread
15—Injured by use
16—Part of wheel
17—Pertaining to air
18—Platform
19—Frustrance
20—Strip holding dog
21—Immemorial custom
22—Musical instrument
23—Saxon word
24—City (col.)
25—Movement of heart
26—Doctrines
27—Human
28—Center
29—Most good
30—Western state
31—Peruvian Indian
32—Small valley
33—Reputed
34—Got with difficulty
35—Man's nickname
36—Form of "ob"



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THE STORY SO FAR: Miss Minnie willed her brownstone house, its contents, including the four ancient boarders, to Maggie Ryan the cook, and Norah Taylor the maid. The new owners insisted on keeping the payless guests in spite of hard times. Maggie's beautiful, hard-boiled, torch-singing daughter, Sarah Jane, comes home after losing her job and beating up the boss. Norah's son Tommy, after being away for five years, has been piano-player in a tough joint and gun-toter for the proprietor, Grasselli. When the place is raided, Grasselli snatches the gun from Tommy, wounds a man, and by threatening Tommy with pinning the blame on him, practically forces Tommy to let him use his mother's boarding house as his hideaway. Sarah Jane suspects the strange roomer, and finds that she has known him. Tommy resents her talking with Grasselli. Sarah Jane lauds Tommy's songs and wins back his old love for her. Grasselli decides to come out of hiding.

CONCLUDING INSTALMENT

EVERYBODY—with the exception of Sarah Jane and Tommy—was in a fever of excitement all day because the mysterious Mr. Grasselli was to leave the seclusion of his bedroom for the first time and take dinner with the family. Little Miss Flint was so fluttery about it that she secretly laid a gardenia outside his door. After the meal, at which Maggie and Norah presided with becoming dignity, all repaired to the drawing room for coffee, which was as Miss Minnie would have desired.

Then, as befitting the occasion, a show was put on. Mr. Salmon, howling the punch and all, read poetry with gestures. The Great Boldini did his ancient magic, even though Fanta the poodle did all but steal his fire. Gentle Mr. Van Diver, enjoying himself to the limit, vaguely wondered why Miss Minnie didn't step in. Tommy played his songs.

But Sarah Jane was the star of the evening. Dressed in a clinging, low-cut black gown, she sang Tommy's song, "The Gaucho Serenade." Her mellow, throaty voice, and the sinuous rumba with which she accompanied it, did something to Tommy's heart, rekindled his boyhood love for her.

The old house was still echoing to applause, when the door-bell rang.

Sarah Jane answered it, to find a notice from the bank to the effect that unless back taxes were paid in full, foreclosure proceedings would be begun, and that the next day was the deadline. Grasselli wondered at her sudden interest in him. He liked it and told her so. "The old girls are dead broke, Chips," she said. "They're going to lose the house if something isn't done! Taxes—due to-morrow."

"Yeah? What's the shake-down?"

"One thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and nineteen cents!"

"Cripes, I thought you were talking about real money! Okay, honey, I'll be your sucker!—Oh, but say—don't hurry away! The tax money will only be a postponement of their troubles! Listen! This joint's got to be put on a paying basis! I got an idea downstairs to-night! How about opening a night club? A new kind! Homey, old fashioned feeling, real Boldini the way he was to-night! You and Tommy doing four or five songs..."

"Can you imagine Ma and Mrs. Taylor running a night-spot?"

"They wouldn't run it! I would!"

"If you've got any idea about you and me, Chips, I don't advise you to let your mind dwell on them, because..."

"The come-on," he laughed, "with-out the promise, huh? You're mar-

vellous, Sal Well, just skip it! We'll go into that later! What about the night club?"

"I'll talk it over with Tommy."

On hearing the news Tommy rushed to Grasselli in a rage. He found him sitting up in bed reading the Racing Form. "Pack your things and get out. Chips! This room has been rented to another boarder!"

"Say, you must have been out in the sun. Tommy! You're all het up!"

"No wise cracks! I told you it was a rotten idea when you made me bring you here. But at least you promised to stay in your room. But you couldn't be satisfied with that. You had to stick your nose downstairs the minute you laid eyes on Sarah Jane!"

"Aren't you the sentimental little song writer! Now, wait a minute. Tommy! Maybe there are a couple of things you don't know! Do you know that your Ma and Mrs. Ryan are broke and are getting forced out on the street unless something's done? Do you know I had to advance money to keep the house from being foreclosed to-day? Do you?"

"You don't care how you get a guy's hands tied, do you?"

"Not so bad at it, am I, Tommy?" said Mr. Grasselli in vast good humour, offering him a cigarette. "But don't give up hope yet! Maybe the old girls won't stand for the idea!"

As Tommy passed his mother's room he heard the old girls talking.

"And besides, Norah, what would poor Miss Minnie think, God rest her soul, with people drinking and cavorting in her parlour?"

"I guess poor Miss Minnie would feel a lot worse, Maggie, if she saw her furniture being sold off at auction, to anybody that came along!"

Roberts, Grasselli's legal adviser—who posed as his doctor—literally hit the ceiling when he heard the night club



It all came true for Sal and Tommy.

plan. "Of all fool ideas!" he explained. "You go into a hideout, turn it into a show place, and invite all the world in!" Grasselli frowned. "I've got to do something, pal, or I'll go nuts!" he said. "I won't show myself. I'll stay in my room. And if I do happen to get into a jam—I can still make the kid take the rap!"

Roberts had barely gone down the stairs when Miss Flint fitted up them with excitement, she darted into Grasselli's room, showed him a 'crime' magazine with a story headed "Chips Maguire, the Gangster King," and a picture of him—assured him she had been "followed" by too many men not to know a real gangster when she saw one—and fitted out Grasselli with a gun, but Sarah Jane slammed her with such gruesome stories of gang vengeance, that she was almost too nervous to wield her needle.

Opening night found the rejuvenated house ablaze with light. Crowds were arriving. Leontopos, the head waiter, that Grasselli had hired, was in high command and already thoroughly hated by Maggie and Norah. The "gay nineties" music of the orchestra floated tantalizingly through the rooms, making Grasselli crazy to be down and in the midst of things. The old boarders were in their shabby, but—Salmon the paunchy poet—Boldini the magician, Fanta the poodle (in a red bow), Mr. Van Diver, misty-eyed and reminiscent. And Miss Flint was sampling the champagne with alarming frequency.

It was high time for the first song of Sarah Jane and Tommy but the latter had disappeared. She searched for him frantically and at last found him on the roof-top. He told her he couldn't come. The past had crowded in on him. Made a coward of him. He knew he said, that Chips Maguire was opening the club just to feed him to the cops. He said bitterly, for that Chips would no doubt make a big success of her. As for himself, he was through.

Sarah Jane threw her arms around his neck, whispered her love for him and asked him to marry her. Then she went, telling him to follow her. He stood as if dazed.

The Great Boldini was doing his ridiculous gold fish tricks and everybody laughing at the antics of Fanta, as Miss Flint, her head whirling with champagne and fear that the gangsters would be putting her on the spot for what she knew, staggered down the steps of the stoop and up the street toward the police station, to divulge what she knew about Chips Maguire.

Meanwhile, Grasselli, unable to stay in his room any longer, had come downstairs and taken a table that was discreetly screened off from the others. He was enjoying himself hugely, watching the show, until he felt a tap on the shoulder. Wheeling about, he saw two detectives confronting him. "Hello, Danny," he said without a trace of emotion. "Didn't you boys see the sign outside? . . . Formal dress only."

"Where you're going, everybody dresses the same. Come on."

"Look, boys," Grasselli protested easily. "I got a personal interest in this show. I think it's pretty cute. How about sticking around till it's over?"

The two detectives looked at each other and shrugged. Then they sat down, one on each side of Grasselli.

A moment later the master of ceremonies announced Ryan and Taylor, and Tommy and Sarah Jane made their appearance. A glorious vision in a white satin costume, Sarah Jane leaped against the piano and sang Tommy's song "Angel in Disguise," as he played it. But she was singing, not to the audience, but to Tommy. And Tommy, his fears all forgotten, sang with her. Nobody watching the performance could miss the fact that the two were in love.

As the last notes died away, Mrs. Taylor got up quickly from her table and darted behind the screen where Grasselli sat with the two detectives. "Oh, Mr. Grasselli, you've made us all so happy, and you made my story come true," she said, without warning she kissed him on the cheek. "You're a dear, good, kind man," she said.

Grasselli was still staring at his hand after she had gone.

"All right, Chips . . . the show's over," Danny reminded him.

"Sure. Let's go." But instead of going toward the door he led them backstage. "Just for a minute . . . there's somebody I gotta see."

Sarah Jane was in Tommy's arms as the three walked in. Seeing Grasselli, she announced defiantly, "Tommy and I are going to be married. And whatever happens to him, happens to me, too."

"Well, Tommy, you got my sympathy. That marriage rap is sure a tough thing. And especially with a redhead! I wouldn't trade her with you for all the tea in China," Grasselli told him.

Sarah Jane and Tommy stared at him in blank amazement.

"You don't mean—"

"That I'm taking this rap?" Grasselli jerked a thumb toward the two detectives. "Sure, I been thinking it over, and it looks like I'm going to get about a hundred and twenty years, anyway, so what's another thirty?"

"Come on, Chips," the detective ordered impatiently.

Grasselli turned to Tommy, shook hands. "Good luck, fella. As he turned to leave, Sarah Jane impulsively threw her arms around him. "Thanks, Chips," she said fervently.

Grasselli grinned. "Okay, Sal. And say, if I break outta the cink, I'll call you."

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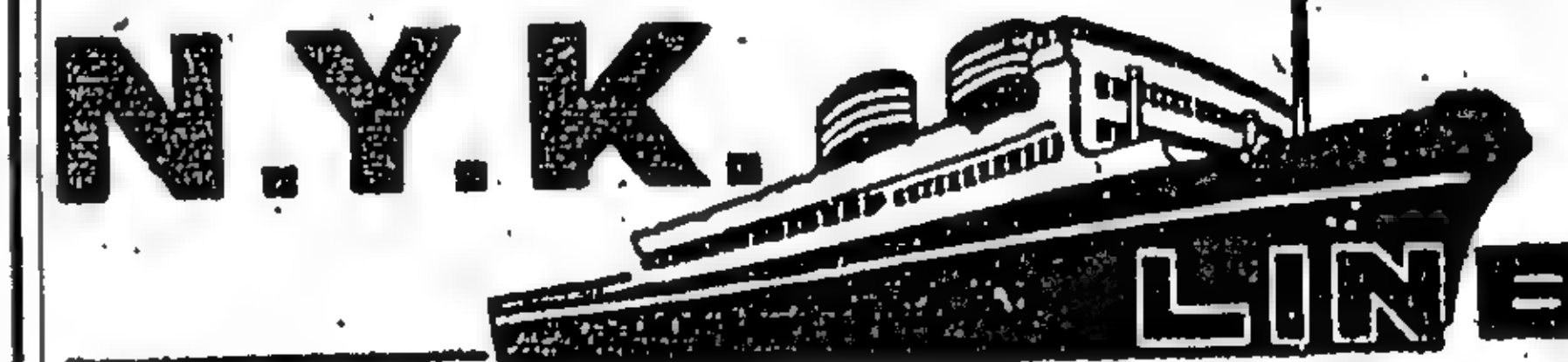


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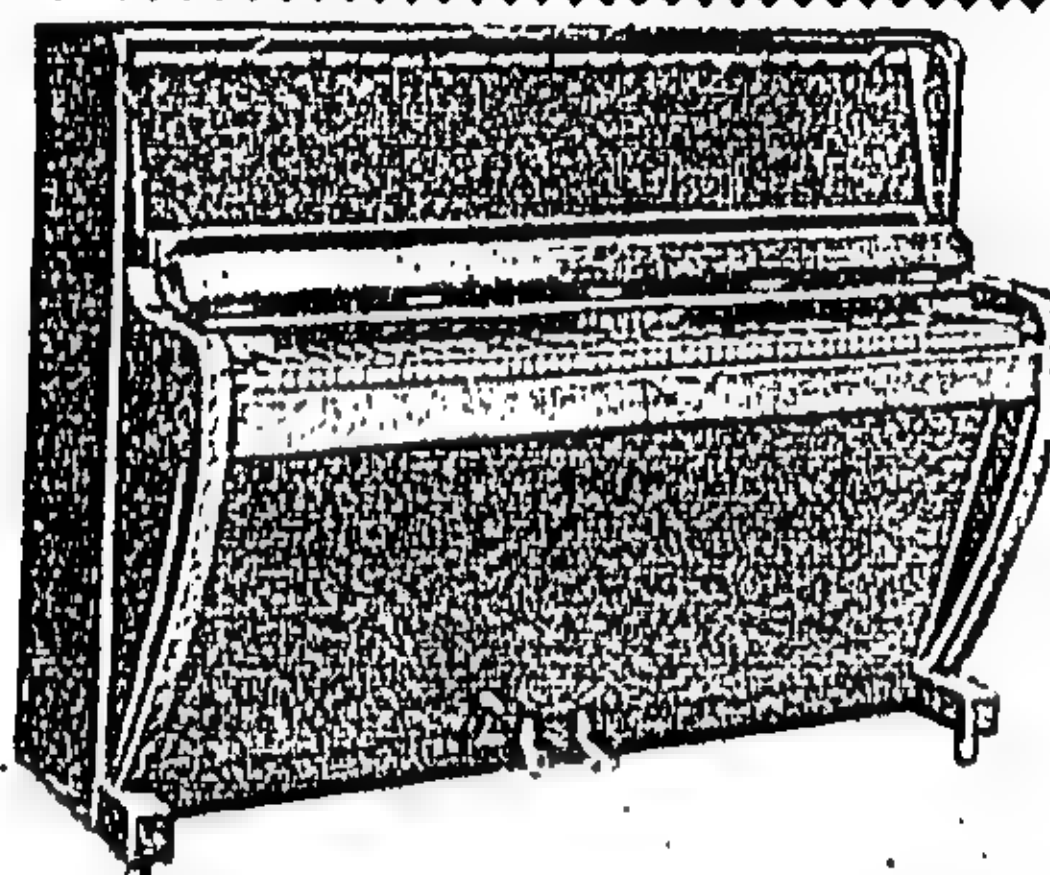
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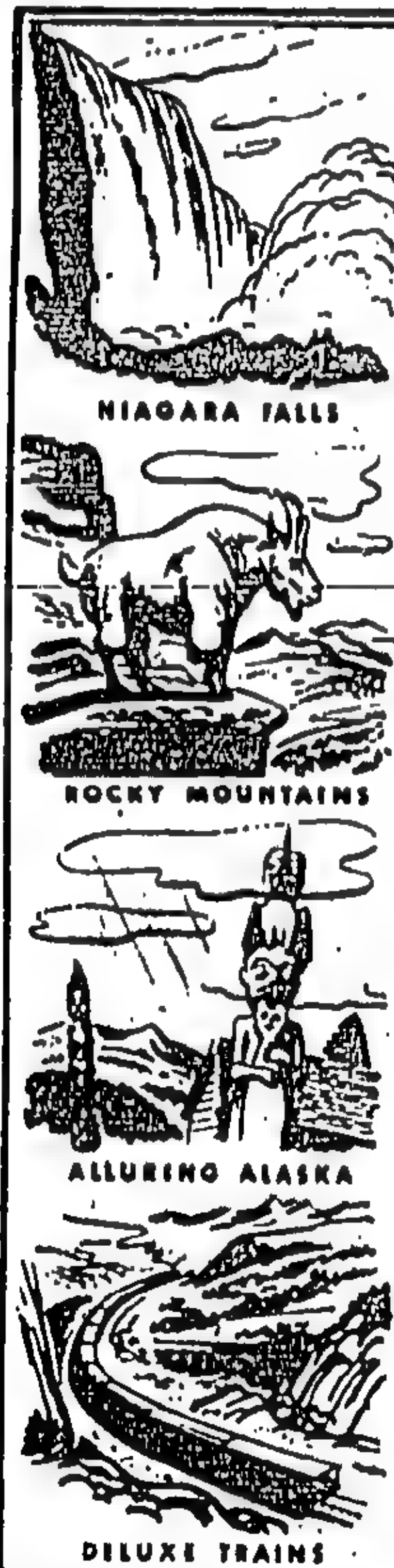
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FIREWOOD FRAUD

"Squeeze" in the Far East, having been tacitly legitimatised by tradition, the gentle art of defrauding people has become a notorious feature of life in Hongkong. The insidious habit of "squeeze" has found expression in all forms of business transactions, from the house "boy" who seeks to make that little extra at the expense of his employer to big commercial firms engaged in important deals; and, so long as it is not pushed too far, "squeeze" is now recognised as a necessary evil to be borne with a grin.

There are distinctions, however, and cases arise where so-called "squeeze" becomes outright fraud, meriting severe punishment. In this category can be placed the latest "racket" which apparently is being practised by some firewood dealers.

When firewood, one of the essential commodities of the average Chinese in his daily life, recently touched a new local high record in price, Government rightfully decided to do its best to protect the tens of thousands of impoverished Chinese by fixing the price; the order went out, 40 cwt. per \$1, which in itself was high enough and allowed the retailers a fair margin of profit. But this, apparently did not suit the dealers, and several started casting around for ways and means of getting in that little bit of "squeeze". One method according to reliable information, has been to soak the firewood in water, which naturally has the effect of adding considerable weight to the wood, to the loss of the customer and the rich gain of the dealer. This is fraud and should be treated as such by the authorities. Clearly it is not sufficient to impose fines of \$25 in such cases. The dealer's profit from his fraud for one day alone would more than cover that amount. Punishment to fit the crime—and this is a crime—can be the only way of stamping out such a beastly racket. Either the fine must be so big that it hurts the offender, or he should be sent to prison.

The victims too, should be encouraged to play their part in bringing these rascals to book. European householders, for example, should insist that servants to reveal straightaway when they are victimised, and the matter should be

TO the question, "Can we beat the U-boats in 1941?" the answer is Yes—
if only because we must beat them if they are not to beat us.

When British folk are fully aware that they must achieve a worthy object there is no such word as "can't" in their dictionary. But before outlining how our task is to be accomplished, let us face its magnitude. At our average rate of loss in merchant ship tonnage for the past fifteen months—which includes a long period when our losses in convoy were very slight—we are losing little short of 3½ million tons a year.

We started this war with nearly 2,000 fewer ships than in 1914; we have many more mouths to feed and our food production at home is less than in April, 1917, the blackest month of the last war.

In that grim month we had the French, Italian and Japanese Navies to help us, whereas one of these fleets is now fighting us, and one at least of the other two is potentially hostile.

It's Serious

In 1917 the enemy had not the use of the Channel and French Atlantic ports, and now he has. We had the use of the Irish ports, and now we haven't.

And last, but not least, we then had the triumphant convoy system in reserve, whereas now we have it in use.

Mercifully, we have no great army to supply on the Continent, neither have we now, as then, to feed and fuel Italy and France.

In spite of these great present advantages, which on no account must we forgo, Lord Woolton has recently confirmed what I asserted, under correction, many weeks ago—that our present danger is greater than it was in

brought to the attention of the police. "Squeeze" can be accepted with a certain amount of tolerance when the victim is a person who can afford to pay that little extra, but it is a different matter when those who can only just manage to eke out an existence are, to use an Americanism, taken for a ride, by grasping merchants, whose profits, even after a completely honest deal, are not negligible.

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You see her here Presto! I change her into this!

Can We Beat The U-Boat Menace?

By Capt. Bernard Acworth,
D.S.O., R.N.

RIDDLES OF 1941

Eighth Article

April, 1917, when, as now, sinkings were exceeding replacements.

It will thus be seen that our task of decisively beating the U-boats is as urgent as it is difficult, but the measure of the task is the measure of the resoluteness and success with which it will be undertaken.

How are we going to set about it? I use the word "we" advisedly, because every Briton on land has an active part to play.

Which is as vital as, if less exciting than, the part played by each individual sailor and airman.

Ours is the negative side; theirs is the positive.

First, then, for our part.

This, as Lord Woolton has said, lies in cheerfully cutting our demand for seaborne goods, to the point of tightening our belts. Thus we save shipping space.

Here all privilege should be ruthlessly eliminated, no more generous fare being available in the expensive hotels, restaurants and West End clubs than in the poorer places.

The next source of great economy in ship-space lies in a reduction, wherever possible, of our importation of sea-borne oil and petrol.

Remember that a very large part of our depleted merchant-ship tonnage consists of "one-way" tankers which can carry nothing but oil to us and salt water, as ballast, from us. These tankers, even when empty, need escort.

Fuel And Food

My views on this great fuel problem are well known, and I will not labour them, but it is clear that every new ship that burns coal, and every transport vehicle that is changed over to gas, or producer gas, saves ship-space and foreign exchange, and brings unemployed British miners actively into the fight against the U-boats.

So much for economy in ship-space and for lightening the sailors' task. Next comes the Home production of food.

On this little need be said beyond emphasising that as the defeat of the U-boats is our greatest immediate task, labour on the farms is more urgent than drill for an army of Continental dimensions, which so much of our ship-space is being used to equip.

There you have the Battle of the Atlantic on the Home Front. How are these civil efforts to be crowned with success by the Navy and Air Force?

The problem of the sea is two-fold—tactical and material. I take the tactical problem first, as it is the one that must, and can, be solved quickly, whereas the material one requires time that may not be available if the tactical one remains unsolved.

The tactical problem is the convoy system, which means the grouping of merchant ships on passage into a compact body and the guarding of such groups by escorting warships.

Safety on the high seas is obtained by evasion of U-boats rather than by action by the escorts if the U-boats sight the convoy.

Safeguards

A group of merchant ships in a compact body empties the song of single targets—the group, if compact, being little more likely to be sighted in a vast expanse of sea than a single ship.

Thirty dispersed ships thus provide nearly thirty chances of attack compared to the single chance of the group.

The fundamental safeguard of convoy therefore lies in using the vast expanse of ocean for the passage of our merchant ships to the neighbourhood of our ports and the avoidance of restrictions on the line of approach of which the U-boats become aware.

If the probable course of approach is known, the enemy can concentrate his U-boats for attack far out at sea, and convoy then becomes a positive danger. (U-boats, remember, can keep the sea for weeks and range for thousands of miles.)

No such restrictions governed the approach of convoys in the last war, and our hunting craft were concentrated at points of convergence near our shores.

At these points, to which the U-boats had to come if they were to sight the convoys, they were heavily attacked and destroyed.

Long-ranging aircraft from the French Atlantic airfields now make it probable that the convoys will be sighted far from the land.

When sighted, 180-m.p.h. enemy bombers and torpedo planes, but not slow U-boats, can be called up, and air attacks delivered.

Those directing the convoy system have thus to choose between the risk of almost certain bomber attack and the less certain, but much more deadly, deep-sea U-boat attack.

Choice Of Evils

It is in this choice of evils that judgment may err.

And it takes courage as well as judgment, to invite the certain, but far less deadly, attack of aircraft in order to lessen the uncertain, but far more deadly attack by a concentration of U-boats that know within narrow limits, where the convoys will approach.

This is an example, and there are others, where a right judgment by a self-reliant individual may make the difference between success and failure in the operation of the convoy system while we are short of escorts for attacking the U-boats.

Key Points

We must hope, not fear, that errors have been made, because errors can be rectified.

The material side of the problem is less a matter of judgment and more one of ceaseless effort to augment our anti-submarine craft, our long-range fighters and new merchant ships.

These should have priority over all other war material. The practical steps needed to defeat the U-boats can now be summarised as follows:—

1. Spartan economy in all seaborne goods.
2. The need of agriculture to have priority over all war material except ships and fighter aircraft.
3. The reformation of the convoy system.
4. The elevation of merchant ship construction to the highest priority and fighter aircraft to the second highest.
5. Concentration of bombing operations not so much on industrial targets and invasion ports, as on U-boat bases.

Failure to defeat the U-boat means the defeat of our cause. Success means its victory.

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Superb Defence Carries Day For Portuguese Colony: Hongkong Fail On Heavy Ground

(By "Pilgrim")

IT WAS a thousand pities that rain fell steadily at Macao during the forenoon of last Sunday to mar to some extent the standard of hockey usually seen at the annual interport matches.

In some parts of the field the turf churned up badly, and in others pools of water formed, but on the whole, the pitch did not play too badly. Most of us, however, were glad of the brilliant sunshine at 3 p.m. just prior to the commencement of the game.

There were some changes in the Macao team. R. Rosario was unable to turn out at right back owing to illness; Santos Ferreira took his place, and Trigo Silva was seen at left half. The Hongkong team appeared as published.

It was Macao who took the first goal after a few minutes. A. Airosa, who was playing well and tuckling hard, despatched a pass to F. Nolasco, and the right-winger sent in a shot which Benwell never saw.

The Portuguese forwards set up many attacks and kept the Colony defence actively employed.

Then L. Costa took possession and during a neat one-handed dribbling bout, he passed Bond and drawing Benwell out of goal scored with a clever shot to give Macao a 2-0 lead.

Though the Hongkong keeper was on the alert, the defence of Bond and Gonsalves was at sixes and sevens, and were almost run off their feet.

The deficit, however, spurred Hongkong to greater efforts and for a time they maintained heavy pressure. And during a breakaway, Ozorio ran through to reduce the score which then stood at 2-1 in Macao's favour, and this remained until half-time.

H.K. Attack Improves

AFTER the interval, Hongkong gained a marked ascendancy—but not for long—and with their inside forwards doing a tremendous amount of work, had they been given better support the local side might have equalized.

Two good scoring opportunities in the first ten minutes by Ozorio and Brown went begging.

A. Airosa was playing a great distributive game at centre-half, and his passes set his forwards on the move on several occasions. He was the outstanding figure on the field.

L. Costa, left inner, was also an artist with his stickwork, and was always heading for the circle when he had the chance. It was only Bond's timely tuckling and clearances that kept him in check.

However, the home team gained a further goal when five minutes from the end, Albert Airosa ran in to score from a rebound from Benwell.

Grand Combination

TRIGO SILVA and Basto were grand, and all praise must be awarded to the Macao defence. Almada in goal was cool; seldom made a mistake and sighted the shots with remarkable quickness.

Silva, left half, and Basto, left back, were seen to great advantage in close and keen tuckling.

Macao's team-work, which spoke for itself, was far superior to that of Hongkong.

There seemed to be a lack of sting among the Hongkong forwards, though they never gave up trying. W. A. Reed was not at his best at centre-half, and failed on several occasions to follow up. R. Marques was the better of the wing halves, defending strongly and showing smart tackling powers.

Play was fast and exciting throughout, and under the circumstances the better team won.

The match was controlled by E. Hussain and A. E. P. Guest.

WORLD INDOOR ATHLETIC RECORDS

New York, Mar. 9. At the 22nd annual Knights of Columbus Championships meet the Madison Square Garden to-day, Earle Meadows smashed the world's indoor pole vault record with 14 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Al Blozis heaved the 16 lb. shot 51 feet 2 1/2 inches and John Borlin Ashby Park won the Coney 600-yard invitation in 1 minute 10.2 seconds. Both were world records.—Domet.

Ranji Trophy

MADRAS, Mar. 10 (Reuters).—Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy for the second year in succession, beating Madras by six wickets.

Former Kent Captain Killed

Lieut G. B. Legge

LONDON, Feb. 8. (Reuters).—The death while flying has been announced of Lieut. Geoffrey Bevington Legge, R.N.V.R., Fleet Air Arm, the former Kent County Cricket Club captain. He was 37.

One of the many splendid cricketers produced by Malvern, Legge received his blue at Oxford, in 1925 and in the following summer he captained the University team. In both seasons he headed the batting averages.

Kent Captain

IN 1928 Legge took over the captaincy of Kent and, thanks largely to his management of the side in the field, Kent finished second to Lancashire in the County Championship. He led the county for another two years before business claims compelled him to resign the position. He took part in little more first-class cricket.

Like most Malvern batsmen, Legge showed special strength in off-driving and cutting and possessed an excellent style. He was a sure fieldsmen, particularly in the slips.

University Athletic Heats Held Yesterday

HEATS for the annual Inter-Hotel sports were held by the University at Pokfulam yesterday. These were in the 100 yards, the 220 yards and the 440 yards. St. John's Hall, Morrison Hall respectively in the tug-of-war.

Results were: Further heats of the University Sports events to be held on Saturday were run off yesterday at Pokfulam. The results were as follows: 100 Yards.—Heat 1.—J. Zalzeff (Rice), 4. S. H. Leung (Rice), Time, 10 4/5 secs. Heat 2.—J. Fenton (Morrison), 2. Lum Pak-uen (Elliot), Time, 10 2/5 secs. Heat 3.—T. Chiu (Elliot), 2. J. Zalzeff (Rice), Time, 10 4/5 secs. Heat 4.—W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2. E. Mazura (Lugard), Time, 10 4/5 secs. 220 Yards.—Heat 1.—S. H. Leung (Rice), 2. J. Fenton (Morrison), Time, 25 secs. Heat 2.—W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2. E. Mazura (Lugard), Time, 25 2/5 secs. Heat 3.—S. H. Leung (Rice), 2. J. Fenton (Morrison), Time, 25 2/5 secs. Heat 4.—W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2. E. Mazura (Lugard), Time, 25 2/5 secs. 440 Yards.—Heat 1.—S. H. Leung (Rice), 2. J. Fenton (Morrison), Time, 55 1/2 secs. Heat 2.—W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2. E. Mazura (Lugard), Time, 55 1/2 secs. Heat 3.—S. H. Leung (Rice), 2. J. Fenton (Morrison), Time, 55 1/2 secs. Heat 4.—W. S. Gegg (Lugard), 2. E. Mazura (Lugard), Time, 55 1/2 secs. Tug-of-War.—Rice beat St. John's, Elliot beat Morrison.

C.S.C.C. Eleven

The following will represent Civil Service in a first division league cricket match against Indians on Saturday.—J. E. Richardson (captain), J. V. N. Boker, W. H. College, J. V. N. Fortesque, R. H. Griffiths, R. C. K. Hawkins, D. McLellan, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley, A. M. J. Wright.

Hockey

Club XI To Meet British Army

The following will present Hongkong Hockey Club against the British Army in their tournament at King's Park at 4.45 p.m. to-day: V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond, A. E. P. Guest, R. Marques, W. A. Reed, M. Whitley, D. T. Smith, T. S. D. Whitley, E. Folwer, H. L. Ozorio and J. M. Morgan.

Hongkong F. C. Dinner

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Club will be held in the Garden of the Hongkong Hotel at 7.30 p.m. on March 29.

U.S. LAWN TENNIS RANKINGS

McNeill Tops Men's Ladder

DONALD MCNEILL of Oklahoma City climbed to the top and Miss Alice Marble of California remained there, albeit for the last time, in the national tennis singles rankings announced by the U.S.L.T.A.

For Miss Marble, her accustomed place as No. 1 woman player comes as a farewell gesture from amateur tennis, because fair-haired Alice is now sharpening her weapons for the professional wars after four victories in the national tournament.

For the 22-year-old men's champion the No. 1 spot is a promotion, for he had to hurdle Bobby Riggs of Chicago and Frank Parker of California to rise from third place.

There was considerable shuffling of positions from a year ago among the first ten in both the men's and women's divisions, more so in the men's than in the women's.

A Big Fall

One of the biggest falls of all is that of the young Los Angeles hopeful, S. Welby Van Horn, whose sensational play in 1939 gave him No. 4 ranking, only to be followed by disappointments last season that left him no better than fifteenth.

There is no change at all as far as the first two places in women's singles are concerned, for Miss Helen Jacobs again is just a step behind Miss Marble. These two met in the final in the nationals and Miss Marble won easily, just as she had in her earlier tests.

Best Advance

One of the best advances among the men was made by 19-year-old Jack Kramer.

This East Los Angeles youth was ranked seventeenth a year ago, somewhat unjustly in the eyes of some critics, but he turned out to be one of the sensations of the season, fulfilling the promise he had shown as national boys' champion, to enter the select group of ten at No. 6.

Dropping out of the first ten and, indeed, out of the tennis picture, was Wayne Sabin, No. 5 in 1939. Sabin got into difficulties with the U.S.L.T.A. over the eight-week rule last February.

Among the women players, eight of those who were among the first ten previously remained there, although not all in their former positions. Miss Belz and Miss Dorothy May Bundy climbed to No. 3 and 4, respectively, from eighth and sixth, and Mrs. Gracy Wheeler Keller rose to No. 5 after being unranked in 1939 because of insufficient data.

In men's doubles the youthful pair of Kramer and Schroeder, the national champions, replaced McNeill and Parker in the No. 1 rating. The 1939 leaders were placed second.

The Rankings

Men's Singles

- 1.—Donald McNeill, Oklahoma City.
- 2.—Robert L. Riggs, Chicago.
- 3.—Francis L. Kovacs 2d, Oakland, Calif.
- 4.—Joseph R. Hunt, Annapolis, Md.
- 5.—A. Parker, Alhambra, Calif.
- 6.—John A. Kramer, East Los Angeles, Calif.
- 7.—Gardner Mulloy, Coral Gables, Fla.
- 8.—Henry J. Prusoff, Seattle, Wash.
- 9.—Elwood T. Cooke, Portland, Ore.
- 10.—Frederick R. Schroeder, Jr., Glendale, Calif.

Men's Doubles

- 1.—John A. Kramer and Frederick R. Schroeder, Jr.

- 2.—Donald McNeill and Frank A. Parker.
- 3.—Gardner Mulloy and Henry J. Prusoff.
- 4.—Robert Harman and Charles Matmann.
- 5.—Russell Hobbit and Frank D. Guernsey, Jr.
- 6.—Robert L. Riggs and S. Welby Van Horn.
- 7.—Wilmer Allison and John Van Ryn.
- 8.—Edward Amark and Francis L. Kovacs 2d.
- 9.—Kenneth Bartelt and William Reedy.
- 10.—Lawrence Dec and James Wade.

Women's Singles

- 1.—Miss Alice Marble, Beverly Hills, Calif.
- 2.—Miss Helen Hult Jacobs, Berkeley, Calif.
- 3.—Miss Dorothy May Bundy, Santa Monica, Calif.
- 4.—Mrs. Gracy Wheeler Keller, Monaca, Calif.
- 5.—Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke, Brookline, Mass.
- 6.—Miss Virginia Wolfender, San Francisco.
- 7.—Miss Helen I. Bernhard, New York.
- 8.—Miss Mary Arnold, Los Angeles.
- 9.—Miss Hope Knowles, Philadelphia.

"Y" Billiards

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. in a billiards match against R.A.M.C. Army team champions, at 8 p.m. to-night at the Y.M.C.A.—Jones, Jackson, Champelovier, Eager, Syk, Curtis, Reserves, Whitmore, Moreland.

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THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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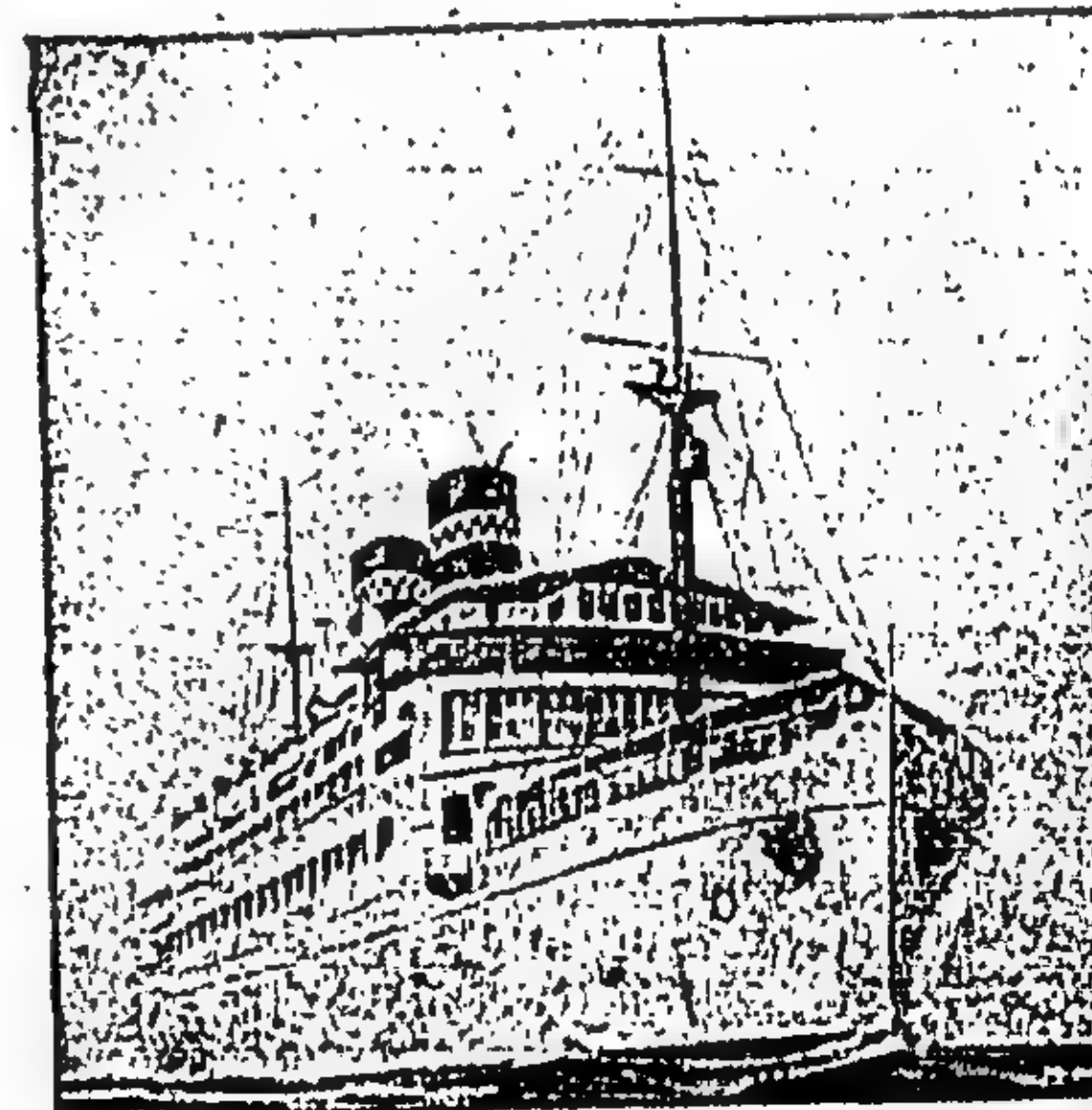
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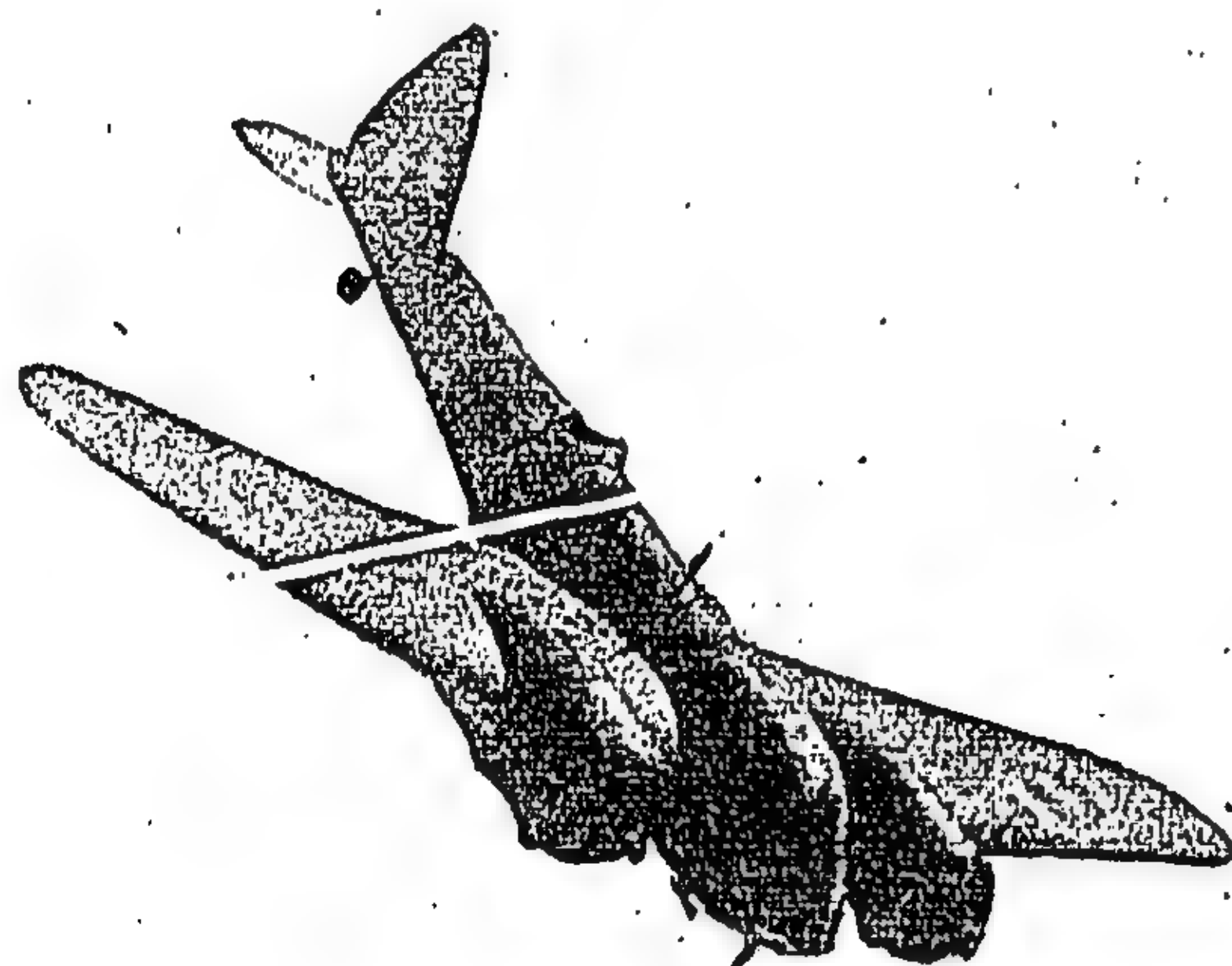


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GAYDA SQUIRMS AND WARNS

Declares Lend and Lease Bill Will Force Japan to Act

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 10 (UP).—Gayda, in an editorial in the "Giornale d'Italia," declares that the Senate's approval of the Lend and Lease Bill is equivalent to direct American intervention in the war and may force Japan to intervene in the conflict on the side of the Axis in line with her Tripartite Pact agreement.

He continues, "The Lend and Lease Bill can but prolong the conflict as the Axis counter-blockade of the Atlantic will not permit American aid to reach the besieged islands."

"President Roosevelt's new move—equivalent to open intervention against the Axis—will finally bring about the application of the Tripartite terms, creating unpleasant surprises in an invasion of the western hemisphere."

"President Roosevelt's decision is a deliberate, unprovoked move towards war which will bring about European retaliation against America."

Violation Complaint

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—An integral coming into play of the Tripartite Pact is predicted in Rome as the result of the passing of the Lend and Lease Bill, which is described in the Italian press as a "colossal mystification" and "a flagrant violation of the Hague Convention."

The "Giornale d'Italia" remarks that it appears less than likely that war material shipped from America will arrive in Europe in view of the intensification of the Axis counter-blockade.

Japan Thwarted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, speaking at the closing of the People's Political Council to-day, said that the establishment of United States naval and air bases in the Pacific had greatly obstructed the Japanese plan for a "new order" in East Asia.

China and America, he declared, have the same Democratic ideals and are both striving to uphold the Nine Power Treaty.

He asserted that he was confident of final victory in view of the fact that the Chinese army at present possesses double the equipment which it had at the start of hostilities.

The Generalissimo urged resistance against Japanese economic penetration and pointed out that a military victory depends on an economic victory. He also urged national unity for the sake of victory.

DEFENCE COMMITTEE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Great satisfaction at the appointment of Lieutenant-General Claude Auchinleck as Commander-in-Chief was expressed in the Assembly to-day in a debate on the question of the appointment of a Defence Committee.

A Government spokesman said that General Auchinleck was firmly of the opinion that the possibilities of his receiving the view and advice of representatives of the public on the one hand and his giving them useful information useful on the other, required regularization. General Auchinleck hoped that arrangements will be worked out whereby this can be given effect.

If members would like to go and see the Indian troops on active service, the Defence Secretary would make arrangements for them.

Frontier Loyalty

PESHAWAR, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A gathering of 800 Afridis and other tribes presented £75 to the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province and expressed their loyalty to the Government.

They also expressed a desire to join the army and fight Hitler.

STOCK EXCHANGE GILT-EDGED HOLDINGS

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, interest was mainly centred on gilt-edged holdings in which further rises were registered although a little profit-taking fractionally reduced early gains.

India stocks made further headway on good buying. Elsewhere business was confined to small limits. Among the foreign bonds, Czech and Austrian loans were slightly higher. Wall Street was dull.

BOMBER FUND RAFFLE DEPOT



The Monster raffle organised by the Hongkong War Effort Committee and the South China Morning Post, Ltd. in aid of the Bomber Fund is receiving every support from the public. Innumerable handsome prizes are offered, the first prize being a new Sunbeam-Talbot sports car donated by Messrs Gilman and Co., Ltd. Photo shows the main depot for sale of tickets at the Star Ferry wharf. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Wonderful Year For Hongkong Dock Co.

A remarkably successful year has been enjoyed by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., according to a statement issued for publication to-day.

The profit and loss account on December 31, 1940 showed a total working profit of \$1,474,896.30, which the Directors of the Company propose to allocate as follows:

KNOX SEES GRIM DAYS AHEAD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox said to-day that the whole world is closer to a frightful form of war than it was 90 days ago.

He declared that the situation is "very, very critical." He conceded that Britain "has been stopped," but added emphatically, "They have not yet been conquered."

Colonel Knox urged the U.S. to build a two-ocean navy which would be the most powerful in the world. He asserted, "We cannot lose sight of the fact that Germany has built the greatest military machine the world has ever known and we are safe only for two factors—British sea power and British air power."

Passengers Aboard Kashima Maru

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

YOKOHAMA, Mar. 10 (Domel).—Two American-born Japanese sailed from here for Australia at noon to-day to assist Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia. They are Hiromichi Yokimasa, a graduate of Hawaii University, and Miss Tamae Tatumidai, graduate of Saint Maria's High School in California.

Many American and English passengers were also aboard the Kashima Maru which is scheduled to call at Kobe, Hongkong, Manila, Sydney, and Melbourne.

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Rendel Leaving Bulgaria

British Interests In U. S. Envoy's Hands

SOFIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Minister, Mr. William Rendel, is scheduled to leave to-night at 10.40 in a special train, with 50 members of the British colony.

The American Minister, Mr. George Earle, will officially take over the British interests at 5.30 p.m. A small plaque signed by Mr. Earle has been placed on the British property stating that it was under United States protection.

Other Ministers Leave

ISTANBUL, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Polish, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian Ministers from Sofia with their Consuls and staffs will arrive at 5 p.m. Mr. William Rendel, the British Minister is expected to arrive tomorrow evening by special train.

Alleged Robbery

Pun Kwok-wah alias Pun Wah, 31, an odd job farmer, was remanded until 2.30 p.m. on March 13 by Mr. S. F. Balfour of the District Office, South, this morning, on a charge of robbery by two or more.

Defendant, with others not in custody, is alleged to have robbed Wong Wan-chung of \$400, a gold chain, four gold coins, a gold finger ring, three fountain pens, three electric torches, two pieces of jade and a jade bangle at Ngong Peng, Lantau Island, on July 28.

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British Seize Another French Ship

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seize our cargo ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships.

Protest To S. Africa
The French Government is under stood to have protested to the South African Government against the alleged stopping south of Cape Town, of the French cargo ship the Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser, reports the official French news agency to-night.

The protest is stated to say that such actions far from the theatre of operations are unjustified and can have no effect on the result of the war.

The French ship was on her way from Dakar to Madagascar. She is stated to be the fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year and the 108th since the Armistice.

U.S. Steamer Arrives
VICIY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The arrival at Marseilles of the United States steamer Cold Harbour, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children and invalids, was announced to-day by Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador.

He added that the steamer Eschmuth was expected in three weeks with a similar cargo.

U.S. Intervention
WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—It is regarded here as likely that the United States will intercede in the blockade dispute between Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely here.

How far the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from the British is a matter for conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it will be recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to despatch milk, clothing and medicines to Un-occupied France.

Britain Explains
LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said, "We in this country continue to hope that France will show understanding of our blockade policy. If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government would be prepared to consider them but so far no such proposals have been put forward. It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic collaboration with Germany."

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BRITISH NAVY'S GRIM BATTLE
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The number of submarines the Germans will use is estimated at between 100 and 150, but not all could be seen simultaneously.

No single factor which can help in the defeat of enemy plans is being neglected. The best scientific brains are working on improved means of U-boat detection, protection against aircraft, etc., while the question of providing more convoys is receiving more attention.

Y'S MEN'S MEETING
Professor Brownell, Professor of History at Lingnan University, will speak on "What Germany Forgot" at the fifth meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at St Francis Hotel on Thursday.

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IN AID OF RELIEF Plays To Be Given At University

The Arts Association of Hongkong University will present two plays in the University Great Hall on Saturday, March 22, under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton.

The two plays are "Bernard Shaw's The Horsedealer's Story" and "Androcles and the Lion" and a Chinese play in English entitled "The Horsedealer's Story."

A special performance for schools will be given on Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. The proceeds from both performances will be given to the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

The "Horsedealer's Story" tells of a horsedealer, who, on returning from a business trip to Szechuan, finds both his children missing. His wife, who is not the mother of the children, and who has sold them into slavery, tells him that they had died of fever. Unconvinced, the horsedealer so tortures a servant-girl that she commits suicide, whereupon the wife, who has a secret lover, bribes the magistrate to convict her husband on a charge of criminal assault.

The horsedealer languishes in prison for many years until a new magistrate is appointed. At this point the play begins. In accordance with convention of coincidence so common in Chinese plays, the horsedealer's daughter has become the wife of the new magistrate and his son is the Judge on Circuit. The evil are punished, the good rewarded, and all live happily ever after.

Early Christian Basis
"Androcles and the Lion" is based on the well-known story of an early Christian, Androcles, having his kindness to a wounded lion rewarded by being joyfully recognised by the same lion in the Roman arena. On this slender basis, Shaw has constructed an excellent two-act drama dealing with war and Christianity. Fearless, the warrior converted to the Gospel of non-resistance, is the main figure of interest. Throughout the play, he is torn between his new-found allegiance to Jesus and his instinctive love for Mars. In the end he abandons Christianity.

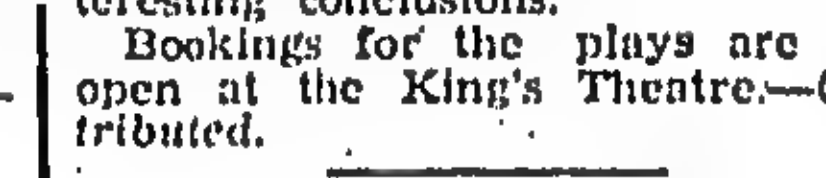
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WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Representative Martin Dies to-day urged President Roosevelt to take the initiative in a nation wide drive to eliminate Communists and Nazis from Government service and Union leadership.

Dies declared if he failed to get action he would introduce legislation for that purpose.

Mr Dies said that his proposed action is necessary to "save the national defence programme from sabotage and avoid the mistake which led to the downfall of France and other Democracies."

Meanwhile, the House Judiciary Committee started hearings on proposed legislation to deal with the strike situation in the defence industry and heard Mr William Bullitt, the ex-Ambassador to France, testify that there was a striking analogy between the present attitude of the United States and the attitude that destroyed France. He testified that "France had a wonderful war production programme arranged for 1942—but France was destroyed in 1940."

R.A.F. FIGHTERS CROSS CHANNEL
LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Three offensive sweeps were made by aircraft of the Fighter Command over the English Channel and occupied France this afternoon, says an Air Ministry communique. Considerable anti-aircraft fire was encountered and one British fighter is missing.

There was no opposition by enemy aircraft, the communique adds.

There was a brief alert to-night, but no air raid incidents were reported. Enemy activity during the daylight has been mainly over the Channel and south-eastern England. There was little damage and no casualties reported.

Theft From Matshed
Wong Fuk, 22, unemployed, was ordered to be expelled from Hongkong by Mr S. F. Balfour at the District Office, South, this morning for breaking into and entering the building shed at the 10 1/2 mile beach and stealing four rattan chairs, a rattan table and two deck chair frames.

Tsang Chol, 38, caretaker, was cited as the Complainant.

It was said that yesterday the Defendant was seen carrying the articles mentioned in the charge and it was subsequently discovered by the Police that it had been stolen. Defendant has been in Hongkong for a year and was formerly a vegetable gardener.

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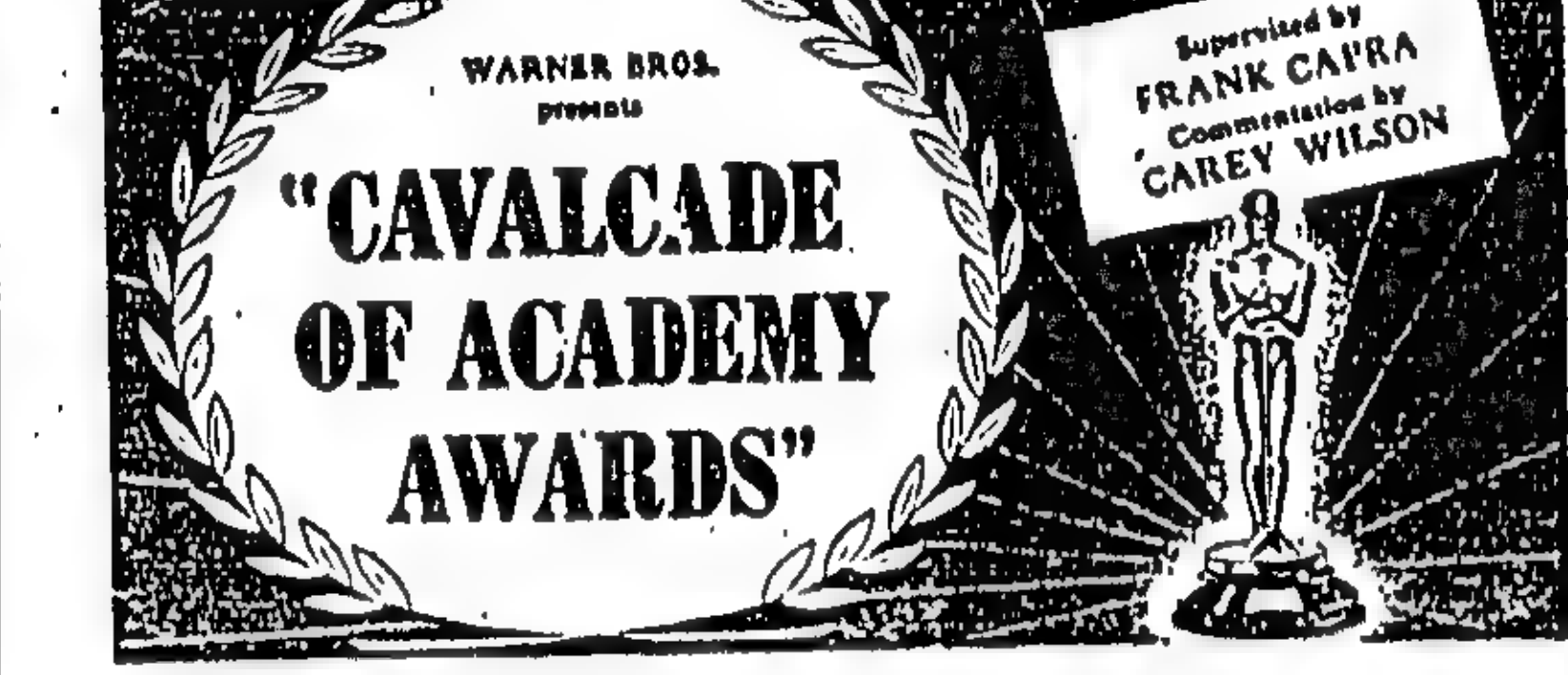
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BRITISH NAVY'S GRIM BATTLE To Defeat Nazi Blockade

(By "Reuter's" Naval Correspondent)
LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The opening phases of the battle for Britain in 1941 are being fought out far from the sight of land, in and above the troubled wastes of the Atlantic Ocean.
It is relentless, ceaseless and silent warfare of which little will ever be heard save for an occasional trickle of news of some heroic exploit. But the progress of the battle will be marked in the periodic figures of British and Allied shipping losses, and in the tally of the damage inflicted on enemy raiders both on the sea and in the air.
With the improvement of the weather as the spring "campaigning season" opens it is becoming clear that immediate German strategy in the west is an endeavour to implement the threat made by Hitler in his last speech of intensified naval warfare on an unprecedented scale.
The Germans are determined to do their utmost to cut the ocean lifeline along which food and supplies reach Britain, and with the American Lend and Lease Bill on the threshold of becoming law they will concentrate, too, on the impending flow of vital American war materials to Britain.
The German advance last year with its ensuing occupation of 2,000 miles of European coastline presented a new problem which the British Navy and Air Force are tackling with greater determination.
Convoys of New Supplies
When President Roosevelt signs the Lend and Lease Bill which will bring supplies to Britain, the Navy's task will be further increased as they must find further convoys to ensure the safe arrival of these supplies.
The main battle area lies north-westwards from Britain and eastwards from Iceland, and here the naval vessels are fitted with the newest devices for detecting submarines and are waging a day and night warfare with the fullest co-operation of the R.A.F.
The number of submarines the Germans will use is estimated at between 100 and 150, but not all could be at sea simultaneously.
No single factor which can help in the defeat of enemy plans is being neglected. The best scientific brains are working on improved means of U-boat detection, protection against aircraft, etc., while the question of providing more convoys is receiving more attention.

U.S.-Dutch Parleys On Pacific Defence

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Government leaders are reluctant to comment on the forthcoming conference here with the Dutch Ministers, E. N. Van Kleffens and Charles J. Van Weter, but informed quarters said that the discussions may reach transcendental scope, encompassing the whole field of Pacific defence co-operation.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, declined to comment on the visit and said he was not fully advised regarding the purpose of the mission, but lesser officials and Congressional sources declared that the Dutch talks may produce a clearer concept of the extent to which the Dutch may look to the United States to forestall the Japanese moves in the South Pacific.
At the same time, officials of the United States may ask to what extent the Netherlands colonial officials are willing to go to resist the Japanese.
Inasmuch as Herr Van Kleffens is coming directly from London, the talks here may clarify the entire picture of what the Democracies may expect from each other if the Japanese should strike simultaneously with Hitler's spring offensive.

AEROPLANES AND SHIPS Will Be First Offer To Britain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—President Roosevelt's personal representative to expedite American aid to Britain, Mr. Averell Harriman, left for London by Clipper to-day.
It is understood that President Roosevelt is planning either to make a statement or to utilise his "Fire-side Chat" after the signing of the Lend and Lease Bill, to explain the general purpose thereof.
It is understood that the first assistance will be to offer Army and Navy supplies which can be spared, including some aeroplanes and ships.
LONDON, Mar. 10 (British Wireless).—Canada's actual war expenditure is now at the rate of about £230,000,000 a year. Some 200,000 additional men and women will be required during 1941 for Canada's war industries.

U.S. Expeditionary Force Plan Revealed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Navy Department is planning to build a \$400,000 base for a "large number of expeditionary landing boats in connection with expeditionary force preparations."
The foregoing disclosure was contained in a report by Senator Davis Walsh, Chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, which was submitted in connection with the naval authorization bill.
Defence Appropriations
WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Simultaneously with the enactment by the Senate of the \$1,533,000,000 fourth supplemental defence appro-

riations bill which included \$35,000,000 for a naval base at Puerto Rico, President Roosevelt has asked Congress to approve another emergency naval appropriation totalling \$300,000,000.
The largest item in the President's new request which reached Congress without any advance notice was \$113,000,000 for emergency acquisition of naval guns and ammunition, and \$63,000,000 for the immediate purchase of 12 more ships to carry fuel, supplies and ammunitions.

Downed Plane Hits Houses

When a German plane was brought down recently over Bromley, Kent, it crashed into two houses and demolished them. The people in the houses were saved by R.A.F. workers. The German pilot was found dead. This picture shows part of the wrecked plane amid the ruins of the two houses.



Sailor's Brave Act Costs Him £3 Fine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Leading Signaller John Pullen (43), to-day picked up a 100-pound time-bomb and carried it to some nearby derelict land. It cost him a fine of £3 in the police court.

Incendiaries Showered On Coast Town

SOUTHEAST COAST TOWN, Mar. 10 (UP).—Anti-aircraft guns and pom-poms flung up the heaviest barrage this town has seen during the war against low flying raiders during a sharp and persistent four-hour raid last night.
Many hundreds of incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped, but it is believed that only five or six civilians were killed. However, a considerable number were injured, including several octogenarians who were inmates at a nursing home which was hit.
A brewery, a public house and several dwellings were demolished. A number of fires were started but most of them were quickly extinguished by fire watchers.
Anti-aircraft guns brought down at least one raider in the sea and possibly two others.

MOONLIGHT RAID ON BOULOGNE

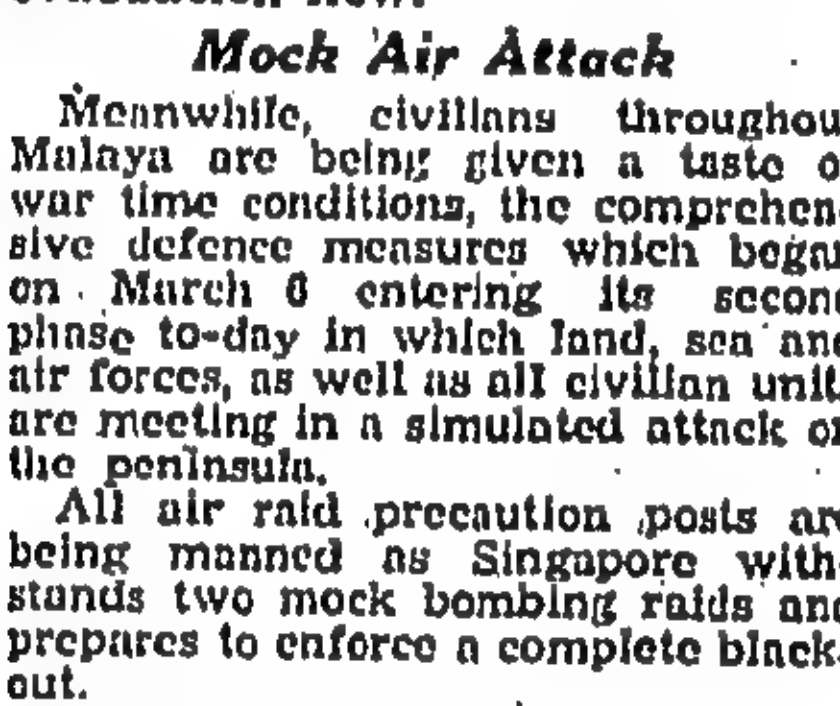
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Singapore Evacuation Indicated

Residents Urged To Leave Areas
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SINGAPORE, Mar. 10 (Domei).—The British authorities in Singapore have notified residents in the east and west coastal regions, covering a 200 square-mile area of Singapore to prepare to evacuate, as it is expected that fighting will take place in those areas in the event of Singapore being attacked.
The notification stresses the precautionary nature of the action, but it is added that it might be impossible to give more than 48 hours' warning in the event of hostilities, and therefore, as far as possible, residents should prepare themselves for evacuation now.
Mock Air Attack
Meanwhile, civilians throughout Malaya are being given a taste of war time conditions, the comprehensive defence measures which began on March 6 entering its second phase to-day in which land, sea and air forces, as well as all civilian units are meeting in a simulated attack on the peninsula.
All air raid precaution posts are being manned as Singapore withstands two mock bombing raids and prepares to enforce a complete blackout.



CHURCHES BOMBED IN U. K.

LONDON, Mar. 10 (British Wireless).—Virtually 2,000 churches in London and the provinces have been destroyed or damaged by German bombers on their quest for "military" objectives.
The actual number as given by the Vatican radio is 1,986 and comprises:
Destroyed in London.—14 Roman Catholic, 120 Anglican, and 125 Free Church.
Damaged in London.—13 Roman Catholic, 250 Anglican, and 350 Free Church.
Destroyed or heavily damaged in the Provinces.—20 Roman Catholic, 100 Anglican and 150 Free Church.
Churches more lightly damaged.—30 Roman Catholic, 300 Anglican and 514 Free Church.
In addition, 45 Roman Catholic monasteries and convents were destroyed.

Millionaire Duke's Estate

LONDON, Mar. 10 (British Wireless).—Further grants of probate in respect of settled lands of a total value of £3,555,000 have been issued in the estate of the Ninth Duke of Northumberland.
The Duke, who was 27, was a lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards and died on active service last May.

Threat of Strike to Hold Up U.S. Defence Projects

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—Labour disputes to-day threatened more than \$2,000,000,000 worth of defence contracts which have been placed with the United States Steel Corporation and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, America's largest producers.

The Congress of Industrial Organisation steel worker's organising committee notified the Corporation officials that they would call for a walk-out of 9,000 workers at Bethlehem's Lakawanna plant "unless President Roosevelt intervenes immediately."
The Union charged that the Corporation refused to negotiate their grievances in the same way as the Office of Production and Management settled the 27-hour strike two weeks ago.
The Bethlehem Corporation holds \$1,500,000,000 worth of defence orders.
The President of the C.I.O., Mr. Phillip Murray, warned the United States Steel Corporation that he planned to terminate the contract in 20 days if the Union demands were not met. The contract covers 201,000 workers and also sets standards for agreements with an additional 400,000.
What Union Wants
The Union wants an increase of ten cents per hour to a minimum of 72½ cents hourly while the Corporation offer only 2½ cents hourly increase.
Strikes have been going on in 23 other plants holding Government contracts and also on four Army construction projects. Strike notices have been posted at three Ford Motor plants in Detroit who hold \$164,000,000 worth of defence orders.
Meanwhile Government officials and President Roosevelt are considering a Super-Mediation Board to regulate labour relations in defence industries. Early action is indicated.

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PEOPLE'S COUNCIL MANIFESTO

CHUNGKING, Mar. 11 (Central News).—"China has already won a spiritual victory," declared a manifesto issued by the 2nd People's Political Council prior to its adjournment yesterday.

Expressing confidence in the Government's sincerity in its pledge to introduce Constitutional Government and declaring that the old idea of Parties and cliques must be discarded and for the new idea of a fighting nation, the manifesto urged the Chinese Communist Party to abide by its declaration in September, 1937, and support national unity and be loyal to the State consistently.

The war of resistance for nearly four years had testified to the fact that a unified command was a basic factor for victory. It was therefore hoped that the Government would strictly enforce military discipline.

The manifesto said that mismanagement was the principal cause for the present food shortage and rise of commodity prices and expressed the hope that the Government would efficiently exercise economical control, adopt effective measures to readjust the currency situation, improve transportation facilities, regulate distribution and marketing, promote national economy and increase agricultural and industrial production.

Diplomatically, the manifesto expressed appreciation of the concern and sympathy shown by Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union regarding China's war, pledged support to the Government's policy to seek closer co-operation with the friendly Powers and hoped that the Government would make it unambiguously clear that any country supporting Japan's policy of conquering China and recognising the Wang Ching-wei regime would be considered as China's enemy.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

A Notice to Mariners issued by the Harbour Department states that the Carpentaria Light Vessel in the approach to Torres Strait, on the north coast of Australia, will be withdrawn from its station on or about to-day. Notice will be given when it is replaced on its station.

The position is given as lat. 10 degrees 40' 00" S., long. 149 degrees 55' 00" E (Approx.).

Sir William Seager

CARDIFF, Mar. 10 (UP).—The former President of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping, Sir William Seager, 70, died here to-day.

TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S



THE CASE OF THE SABOTAGED BOMBER assigned to Charlie Chan

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON, Manager.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1941.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Monday, 31st March, 1941, at noon for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 18th to 31st March, 1941, both days inclusive.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
E. COCK, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power and Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

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Sealed Tenders will be received at the Royal Naval Hospital, until 10 a.m. on the 14th March, 1941, from persons desirous of supplying Beef, Mutton, Fowls, Pork, Fish, Cheese, Butter, Fresh Milk, and other provisions and necessaries, for the year ending 31st March, 1942.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Royal Naval Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H. L. CLEAVE, Surgeon Commander, Medical Officer in Charge, Royal Naval Hospital, Hong Kong.
10th March, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

- "1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April, 1941, one share of the Company's ordinary shares of the nominal value of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively, and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941."
- "2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractional shares making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD. Agents.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April, 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong, on or before the 30th September, 1941, and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July, 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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BRITISH BUDGET

Taxes On Services Considered

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The passage of the American Lend and Lease Bill will have repercussions on the British Budget, which the Chancellor of the Exchequer is now preparing, but it will not avert the still heavier imposts from the British tax-payer.

Sir Kingsley Wood will present next month the largest budget in history, but it will not cover expenditure of American war materials which will go into a separate account and will be kept secret until the end of the war.

Already the Chancellor and experts are seeking fresh ways of raising revenue. There may be some increase in direct taxation although this form of taxation has almost reached saturation point.

It is believed that the officials are turning toward expedients like tax on services namely imposts on railway fares, meals in restaurants and the like.

The Budget speech will be preceded by a candid statement on the national income, designed to give a picture of the nation's real financial strength.

It was recently estimated that the British national income this year of £8,000,000,000 would expand further next year.

Allied with the question is that of inflation. The Government is keeping a watchful eye on that aspect and has emphasised that it will not hesitate to impose the necessary checks if any inflationary tendency becomes apparent.

KNOX SEES GRIM DAYS AHEAD

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox said to-day that the whole world is closer to a frightful form of war than it was 90 days ago. He declared that the situation is "very, very critical." He conceded that Britain "has been stopped," but added emphatically, "They have not yet been conquered."

Colonel Knox urged the U.S. to build a two-ocean navy which would be the most powerful in the world. He asserted, "We cannot lose sight of the fact that Germany has built the greatest military machine the world has ever known and we are safe only for two factors—British sea power and British air power."



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GAYDA SQUIRMS AND WARNS

Declares Lend and Lease Bill Will Force Japan to Act

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Mar. 10. (UP).—Gayda, in an editorial in the "Giornale d'Italia," declares that the Senate's approval of the Lend and Lease Bill is equivalent to direct American intervention in the war and may force Japan to intervene in the conflict on the side of the Axis in line with her Tripartite Pact agreement.

He continues, "The Lend and Lease Bill can but prolong the conflict as the Axis counter-blockade of the Atlantic will not permit American aid to reach the besieged islands."

"President Roosevelt's new move—equivalent to open intervention against the Axis—will finally bring about the application of the Tripartite terms, creating unpleasant surprises in an invasion of the western hemisphere."

"President Roosevelt's decision is a deliberate, unprovoked move towards war which will bring about European retaliation against America."

Violation of the "Hague Convention"

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—"An integral coming into play of the Tripartite Pact" is predicted in Rome as the result of the passing of the Lend and Lease Bill, which is described in the Italian press as a "colossal mystification" and "a flagrant violation of the Hague Convention."

The "Giornale d'Italia" remarks that it appears less than likely that war material shipped from America will arrive in Europe in view of the intensification of the Axis counter-blockade.

Japan Thwarted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (UP).—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, speaking at the closing of the Peo-

Nanking Soldiers Executed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".
SHANGHAI, Mar. 11 (UP).—Nanking's "Central China Daily News" to-day said that two former officers of the Nanking Provisional Thirteenth Division were executed by a firing squad last Sunday night in Pootung for the kidnapping, on February 24 of Doctor Ting Zong-yin from in front of his residence in the International Settlement.

The newspaper said that General Ting Shih-shan, Commander of the Thirteenth Division, ordered the executions after receiving permission from Nanking. The kidnappers took the doctor to Pootung whereupon Colonel Ting effected his release without payment of ransom and ordered the execution declaring that he would not allow lawlessness under his garrison.

NORD SHIP DOWNS PLANE

LONDON, Mar. 10 (British Wire-lead).—When a Norwegian merchant ship was attacked with machine-guns and bombs by a twin-engine German aircraft, prompt and effective reply was made from her defensive armament.

The aircraft flew on about 200 yards and then dived steeply, exploding and bursting into flames as it hit the water. When the ship reached the spot where the aircraft had crashed, there was nothing to be seen but a patch of oil on the water.

The ship suffered no damage and the only casualty was one man slightly wounded by a machine-gun bullet.

Mid-East Aerial Activity

CAIRO, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Tripoli Harbour was again attacked during Saturday night and bombs were dropped on Italian aerodromes in Tripolitania, states to-day's R.A.F. communique.

In Abyssinia, R.A.F. bombers attacked the aerodromes of Dire-dawa despite an attempted interception by Italian fighters.

A direct hit was also obtained on a train approaching the town and another on the station at Adda Galla.

In the Keren area, Eritrea, troop positions were bombed and machine-gunned while other bombers were harassing an Italian column retreating from Durey and bombed a village near Dera Miteo.

R.A.F. Expanding

(BY "REUTERS" AIR CORRESPONDENT)

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The R.A.F. continues to grow more powerful in the Middle East and in the Balkans and is in a position to give a good account of itself should the Luftwaffe extend its field of activity independently or as a curtain for the German Army.

The initiative should not even rest with the German air force. Soon the weather will undergo a marked change for the better in south-east Europe and for the worse in Africa, making more extensive operations possible in the former and very difficult in Africa.

Mediterranean Luftwaffe

Hitler is estimated to have assembled about 1,000 planes for operations on both sides of the Mediterranean.

From Rumania, the Luftwaffe has spread to Bulgaria and is establishing bases near the Greek frontier and, significantly enough, near the Black Sea, across which Germany has received oil supplies from Russia. Its other main bases are in Italy and Sicily. There are not yet many German aircraft in Libya and the Dodecanese.

Troops Advance

NAIROBI, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The British advance into Abyssinia continues.

Announcing this, a British communique states that British troops have occupied Gabre Darre, an important road junction 140 miles inside the Abyssinian frontier, and that operations are proceeding according to plans.

Sun Yat-Sen Anniversary

The 16th anniversary of the death of Dr Sun Yat-sen, Father of the Chinese Republic, will be observed by the Chinese here to-morrow.

A meeting marking the occasion will be held at the King's Theatre at 9 a.m. when Madame Sun Yat-sen and a number of prominent Chinese will attend. Mr Wang Su-tao will be chairman.

Dr Li Ying-lam, President of the Lingnan University, will give a talk on the life of Dr Sun in Cantonese over Station ZEK at 0.15 p.m.

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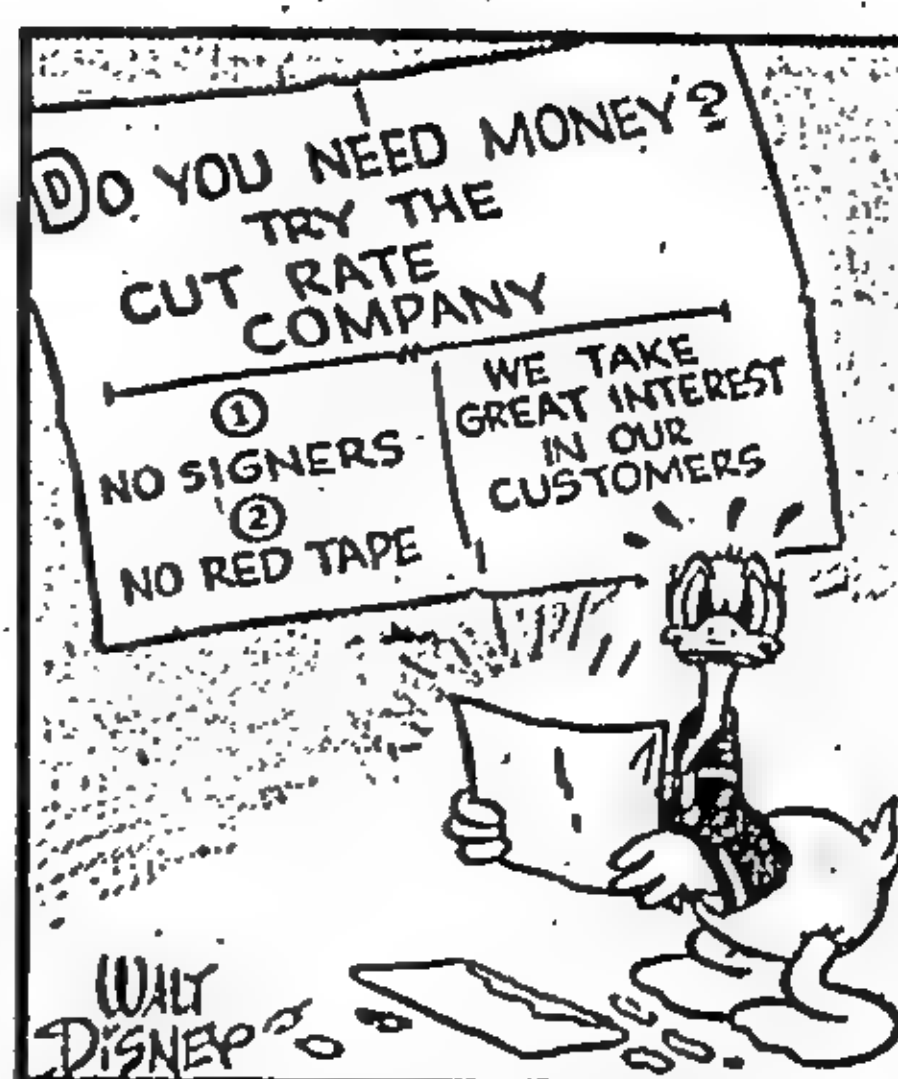
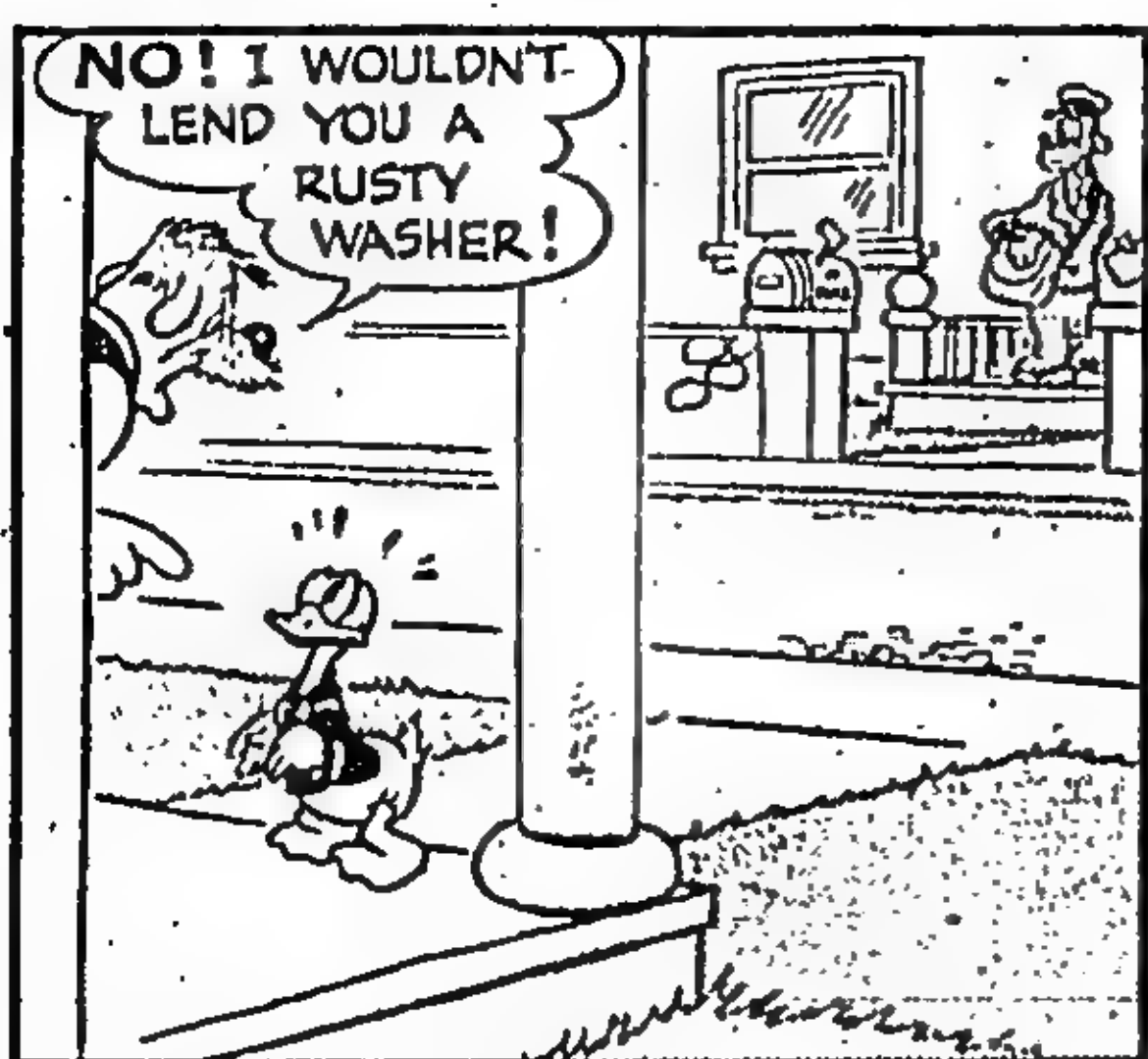
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- Put on
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- Recalculation
- Philo
- Otherwise
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- Sharp in fl
- Mid-Western date
- Fellow of Society of
- Antiquities (abbr.)
- African antelope
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- City in Italy
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- Autumn month
- No mistured
- Article
- Coming into being
- Terminal
- Edible seeds
- Hardly enough
- Part of arm
- Denish district
- Jobless letter
- Volts of granite
- Part of plant
- Shredder
- Girl's name
- Image
- Compass point
- Corn bread
- Striced
- Injured by use
- Part of wheel
- Pertaining to air
- Brilliance
- Strap holding dog
- Immortal custom
- Period of time
- Shaken verb
- Musical instrument
- Tell
- City (col.)
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Serialized by HARRY LEE.

THE STORY SO FAR: Miss Flint's little brownstone house, its contents, including the four ancient boarders, to Maggie Ryan the cook, and Norah Taylor the maid. The new owners insisted on keeping the payless guests in spite of hard times. Maggie's beautiful, hard-boiled, torch-singing daughter, Sarah Jane, comes home after losing her job and beating up the boss. Norah's son Tommy, after being away for five years, has been piano-player in a tough joint and gun-toter for the proprietor, Grasselli. When the place is raided, Grasselli matches the gun from Tommy, wounds a man, and by threatening Tommy with pinning the blame on him, practically forces Tommy to let him use his mother's boarding house as his hideaway. Sarah Jane suspects the strange roomer, and finds that she has known him. Tommy resents her talking with Grasselli. Sarah Jane lauds Tommy's songs and wins back his old love for her. Grasselli decides to come out of hiding.

CONCLUDING INSTALMENT

EVERYBODY—with the exception of Sarah Jane and Tommy—was in a fever of excitement all day because the mysterious Mr. Grasselli was to leave the seclusion of his bedroom for the first time and take dinner with the family. Little Miss Flint was so flustered about it that she secretly hid a gardenia outside his door. After the meal, at which Maggie and Norah presided, with becoming dignity, all repaired to the drawing room for coffee, which was as Miss Minnie would have desired.

Then, as befitting the occasion, a show was put on. Mr. Salmon, flowing tie, paunch and all, read poetry with gestures. The Great Boldini did his ancient magic, even though Fania the poodle did all but steal his fire. Gentle Mr. Van Diver, enjoying himself to the limit, vaguely wondered why Miss Minnie didn't step in. Tommy played his songs.

But Sarah Jane was the star of the evening. Dressed in a clinging, low-cut black gown, she sang Tommy's song, "The Gaucho Serenade." Her mellow, throaty voice, and the sinuous rumba with which she accompanied it, did something to Tommy's heart, rekindled his boyhood love for her.

The old house was still echoing to applause, when the door-bell rang.

Sarah Jane answered it, to find a notice from the bank to the effect that unless back taxes were paid in full, foreclosure proceedings would be begun, and that the next day was the deadline. Grasselli wondered at her sudden interest in him. He liked it and told her so. "The old girls are dead broke, Chips," she said. "They're going to lose the house if something isn't done! Taxes—due to-morrow."

"Yeah? What's the shake-down?"

"One thousand one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and nineteen cents!"

"Chips. I thought you were talking about real money! Okay, honey, I'll be your sucker! Oh, but say—don't hurry away! The tax money will only be a postponement of their troubles! Listen! This joint's got to be put on a paying basis! I got an idea downstairs to-night! How about opening a night club? A new kind! Homey, old fashioned feeling, see? Boldini the way he was to-night! You and Tommy doing four or five songs."

"Can you imagine Ma and Mrs. Taylor running a night-spot?"

"They wouldn't run it! I would!"

"If you've got any idea about you and me, Chips, I don't advise you to let your mind dwell on them, because—"

"The come-on," he laughed, "with-out the promise, huh? You're mar-

vellous, Snail Well, just skip it! We'll go into that later! What about the night club?"

"I'll talk it over with Tommy."

On hearing the news Tommy rushed to Grasselli in a rage. He found him sitting up in bed, reading the Racing Form. "Pack your things and get out, Chips! This room has been rented to another boarder!"

"Say, you must have been out in the sun. Tommy! You're all hot up!"

"No wise cracks! I told you it was a rotten idea when you made me bring you here. But at least, you promised to stay in your room. But you couldn't be satisfied with that. You had to stick your nose downstairs the minute you laid eyes on Sarah Jane!"

"Aren't you the sentimental little song writer! Now, wait a minute, Tommy! Maybe there are a couple of things you don't know! Do you know that your Ma and Mrs. Ryan are broke and are getting tossed out on the street unless something's done? Do you know I had to advance money to keep the house from being foreclosed to-day? Do you?"

"You don't care how you get a guy's hands tied, do you?"

"Not so bad at it, am I, Tommy?" said Mr. Grasselli in vast good humor, offering him a cigarette. "But don't give up hope yet! Maybe the old girls won't stand for the idea!"

As Tommy passed his mother's room he heard the old girls talking.

"And besides, Norah, what would poor Miss Minnie think, God rest her soul, with people drinking and cavorting in her parlour?"

"I guess poor Miss Minnie would feel a lot worse, Maggie, if she saw her furniture being sold off at auction, to anybody that came along!"

Roberts, Grasselli's legal adviser—who posed as his doctor—literally hit the ceiling when he heard the night club.



It all came true for Sal and Tommy.

plan. "Of all fool ideas!" he explained. "You go into a hide-out, turn it into a show place, and invite all the world in!" Grasselli frowned. "I've got to do something, pal, or I'll go nuts!" he said. "I won't show myself. I'll stay in my room. And if I do happen to get into a jam—I can still make the kid take the rap!"

Roberts had barely gone down the stairs when Miss Flint slipped up them! Wild with excitement, she darted into Grasselli's room, showed him a "crime" magazine with a story headed "Chips Maguire, the Gangster King," and a picture of him—assured him she had been "followed" by too many men not to know a real gangster when she saw one—and flitted out! Grasselli was afraid the old maid would squeal on him, but Sarah Jane crammed her with such gruesome stories of gang vengeance, that she was almost too nervous to wield her needle.

Opening night found the rejuvenated house ablaze with lights. Crowds were arriving. Leontopopulus, the head waiter that Grasselli had hired, was in high command and already thoroughly lured by Maggie and Norah. The key nineties music of the orchestra fouled Grasselli crazy to be down and in the midst of things. The old boarders were in their shabby best—Salmon the paunchy poet, Boldini the magician, Fania the poodle (in a red bow), Mr. Van Diver, misty-eyed and reminiscent. And Miss Flint was sampling the champagne with alarming frequency.

It was high time for the first song of Sarah Jane and Tommy but the latter had disappeared. She searched for him frantically and at last found him on the roof top. He told her he couldn't come. The next day he was in on him. Made a coward of him. He knew he said, that Chips Maguire was opening the club just to feed into the cops. He said bitterly, too, that Chips would no doubt make a big success of her. As for himself, he was through.

Sarah Jane threw her arms around his neck, whispered her love for him and asked him to marry her. Then she went, telling him to follow her. He stood as if dazed.

The Great Boldini was doing his ridiculous gold fish tricks and every body laughing at the antics of Fania, as Miss Flint, her head whirling with champagne and fear, searched for him what she knew, staggered down the steps of the stoop and up the street toward the station. She divulged what she knew about Chips Maguire.

Meanwhile, Grasselli, unable to stay in his room any longer, had come downstairs and taken a table that was directly screened off from the others. He was enjoying himself hugely, watching the show, until he felt a tap on the shoulder. Whirling about, he saw two detectives confronting him. "Hello, Danny," he said without a trace of emotion. "Didn't you boys see them sign outside?"

"Where you're going, everybody dresses the same. Come on."

"Look, boys," Grasselli protested easily. "I got a personal interest in this show. I think it's pretty cute. How about sticking around till it's over?"

The two detectives looked at each other and shrugged. When they sat down, one on each side of Grasselli.

A moment later the master of ceremonies announced Ryan and Taylor, and Tommy and Sarah Jane made their appearance. A glorious vision in a white satin costume, Sarah Jane leaped against the piano and sang Tommy's song "Angel in Disguise," as he played it. But she was singing, not to the audience, but to Tommy. And Tommy, his fears all forgotten, sang with her. Nobody watching the performance could miss the fact that the two were in love.

As the last notes died away, Mrs. Taylor got up quickly from her table and darted behind the screen where Grasselli sat with the two detectives. "Oh, Mr. Grasselli, you've made us all so happy, and you made my story true, free, and true. And what ever happens to him, happens to me, too."

Grasselli was still staring at his hand after she had gone.

"All right, Chips," the show's owner, Danny reminded him.

"Sure, Let's go." But instead of going toward the door he led them backstage. "Just for a minute... there's somebody I gotta see."

Sarah Jane was in Tommy's arms as the three walked in. Seeing Grasselli, she announced defiantly, "Tommy and I are going to be married. And what ever happens to him, happens to me, too."

"Well, Tommy, you got my sympathy. That marriage rap is sure a tough thing. I'm sure I'm going to get about a hundred and twenty years, anyway. So what's another thirty?"

"That I'm taking this rap?" Grasselli jerked a thumb toward the two detectives. "Sure, I'm thinking it over, and I'm going to get about a hundred and twenty years, anyway. So what's another thirty?"

"Come on, Chips," the detective ordered impatiently.

Grasselli turned to Tommy, shook hands. "Good luck, fella. As he turned to leave, Sarah Jane impulsively threw her arms around him. Thanks, Chips," she said fervently.

Grasselli grinned. "Okay, Sal, and if I break outta the clink, I'll call you."

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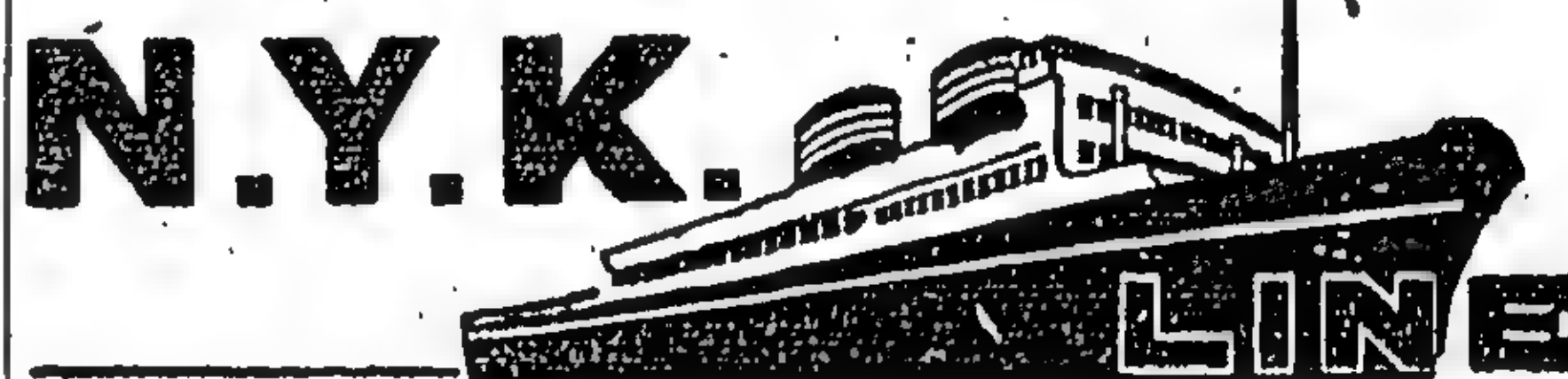


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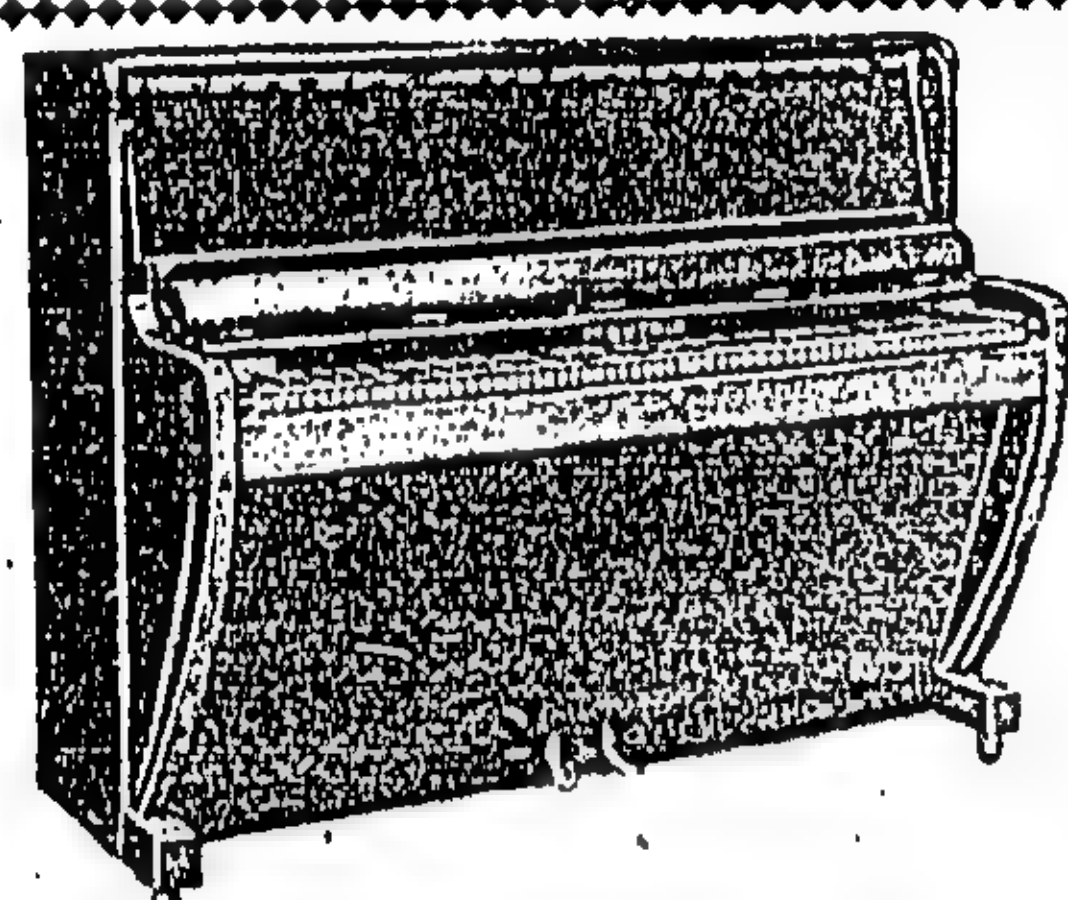


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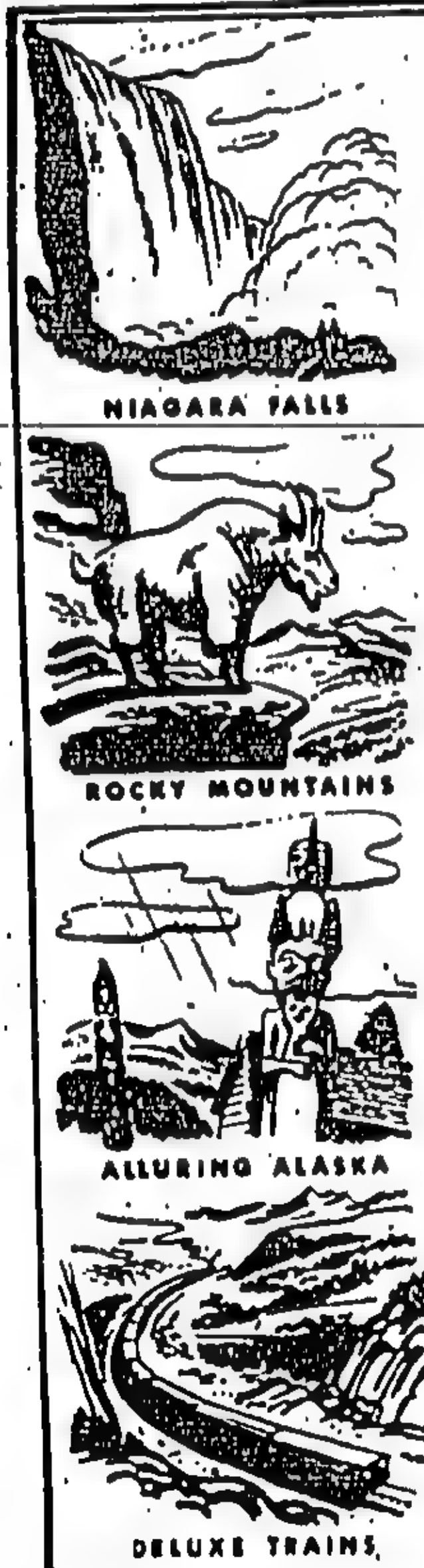
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FIREWOOD FRAUD

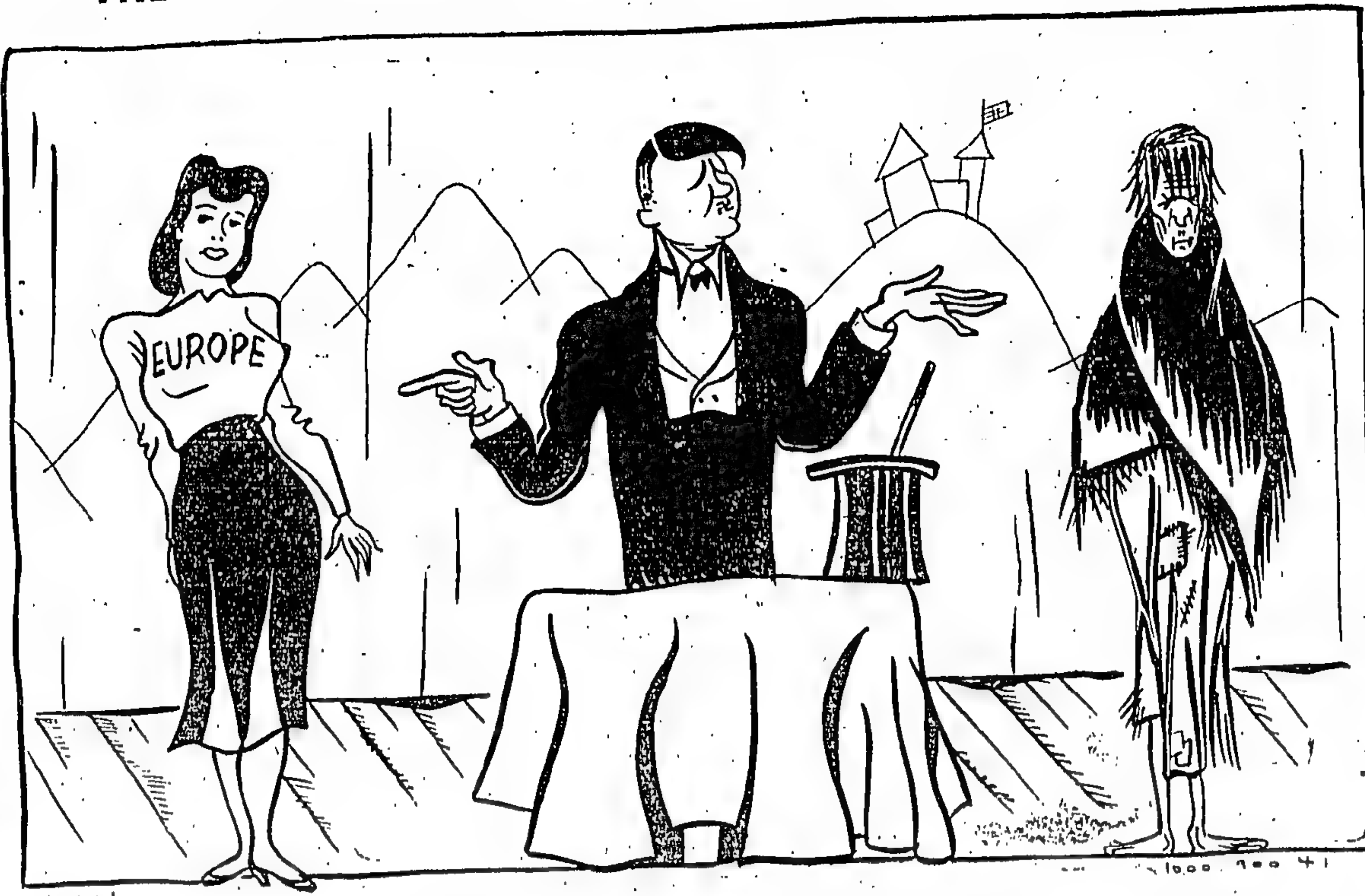
"Squeeze" in the Far East, having been tacitly legitimised by tradition, the gentle art of defrauding people has become a notorious feature of life in Hongkong. The insidious habit of "squeeze" has found expression in all forms of business transactions, from the house "boy" who seeks to make a little extra at the expense of his employer to big commercial firms engaged in important deals; and, so long as it is not pushed too far, "squeeze" is now recognised as a necessary evil to be borne with a grin.

There are distinctions, however, and cases arise where so-called "squeeze" becomes outright fraud, meriting severe punishment. In this category can be placed the latest "racket" which apparently is being practised by some firewood dealers.

When firewood, one of the essential commodities of the average Chinese in his daily life, recently touched a new local high record in price, Government rightfully decided to do its best to protect the tens of thousands of impoverished Chinese by fixing the price; the order went out, 40 catties per \$1, which in itself was high enough and allowed the retailers a fair margin of profit. But this, apparently did not suit the dealers, and several started casting around for ways and means of getting in that little bit of "squeeze". One method according to reliable information, has been to soak the firewood in water, which naturally has the effect of adding considerable weight to the wood, to the loss of the customer and the rich gain of the dealer. This is fraud and should be treated as such by the authorities. Clearly it is not sufficient to impose fines of \$25 in such cases. The dealer's profit from his fraud for one day alone would more than cover that amount. Punishment to fit the crime—and this is a crime—can be the only way of stamping out such a heinous racket. Either the fine must be so big that it hurts the offender, or he should be sent to prison.

The victims too, should be encouraged to play their part in bringing these rascals to book. European householders, for example, should invite their servants to reveal straightaway when they are victimised, and the matter should be brought to the attention of the police. "Squeeze" can be accepted with a certain amount of tolerance when the victim is a person who can afford to pay that little extra, but it is a different matter when those who can only just manage to eke out an existence are, to use an Americanism, taken for a ride, by grasping merchants, whose profits even after a completely honest deal are not negligible.

THE MAGICIAN



You see her here Presto! I change her into this!

Can We Beat The U-Boat Menace?

TO the question, "Can we beat the U-boats in 1941?" the answer is Yes—if only because we must beat them if they are not to beat us.

When British folk are fully aware that they must achieve a worthy object there is no such word as "can't" in their dictionary. But before outlining how our task is to be accomplished, let us face its magnitude. At our average rate of loss in merchant ship tonnage for the past fifteen months—which includes a long period when our losses in convoy were very slight—we are losing little short of 3½ million tons a year.

We started this war with nearly 2,000 fewer ships than in 1914; we have many more mouths to feed and our food production at home is less than in April, 1917, the blackest month of the last war.

In that grim month we had the French, Italian and Japanese Navies to help us, whereas one of these fleets is now fighting us, and one at least of the other two is potentially hostile.

It's Serious

In 1917 the enemy had not the use of the Channel and French Atlantic ports, and now he has. We had the use of the Irish ports, and now we haven't.

And last, but not least, we then had the triumphant convoy system in reserve, whereas now we have it in use.

Mercifully, we have no great army to supply on the Continent, neither have we now, as then, to feed and fuel Italy and France.

In spite of these great present advantages, which on no account must we forgo, Lord Woolton has recently confirmed what I asserted, under correction, many weeks ago—that our present danger is greater than it was in

April, 1917, when, as now, sinkings were exceeding replacements.

It will thus be seen that our task of decisively beating the U-boats is as urgent as it is difficult, but the measure of the task is the measure of the resoluteness and success with which it will be undertaken.

How are we going to set about it? I use the word "we" advisedly, because every Briton on land has an active part to play which is as vital as, if less exciting than, the part played by each individual sailor and airman.

Ours is the negative side; theirs is the positive.

First, then, for our part.

This, as Lord Woolton has said, lies in cheerfully cutting our demand for seaborne goods, to the point of tightening our belts. Thus we save shipping space.

Here all privilege should be ruthlessly eliminated, no more generous fare being available in the expensive hotels, restaurants and West End clubs than in the poorer places.

The next source of great economy in ship-space lies in a reduction, wherever possible, of our importation of sea-borne oil and petrol.

Remember that a very large part of our depleted merchant-ship tonnage consists of "one-way" tankers which can carry nothing but oil to us and salt water, as ballast, from us. These tankers, even when empty, need escort.

Fuel And Food

My views on this great fuel problem are well known, and I will not labour them, but it is clear that every new ship that burns coal, and every transport vehicle that is changed over to gas, or producer gas, saves ship-space and foreign exchange, and brings unemployed British miners actively into the fight against the U-boats.

At these points, to which the U-boats had to come if they were to sight the convoys, they were heavily attacked and destroyed.

Long-ranging aircraft from the French Atlantic airfields now make it probable that the convoys will be sighted far from the land.

When sighted, 180-m.p.h. enemy bombers and torpedo planes, but not slow U-boats, can be called up, and air attacks delivered.

Those directing the convoy system have thus to choose between the risk of almost certain bomber attack and the less certain, but much more deadly, deep-sea U-boat attack.

Choice Of Evils

It is in this choice of evils that judgment may err.

And it takes courage as well as judgment, to invite the certain, but far less deadly, attack of aircraft in order to lessen the uncertain, but far more deadly, attack by a concentration of U-boats that know within narrow limits, where the convoys will approach.

This is an example, and there are others, where a right judgment by a self-reliant individual may make the difference between success and failure in the operation of the convoy system while we are short of escorts for attacking the U-boats.

Key Points

We must hope, not fear, that errors have been made, because errors can be rectified.

The material side of the problem is less a matter of judgment and more one of ceaseless effort to augment our anti-submarine craft, our long-range fighters and new merchant ships.

These should have priority over all other war material. The practical steps needed to defeat the U-boats can now be summarised as follows:—

1. Spartan economy in all seaborne goods.
2. The need of agriculture to have priority over all war material except ships and fighter aircraft.
3. The reformation of the convoy system.

4. The elevation of merchant ship construction to the highest priority and fighter aircraft to the second highest.
5. Concentration of bombing operations not so much on industrial targets and invasion ports, as on U-boat bases.
6. Failure to defeat the U-boat means the defeat of our cause. Success means its victory.

The fundamental safeguard of convoys therefore lies in using the vast expanse of ocean for the passage of our merchant ships to the neighbourhood of our ports and the avoidance of restrictions on the line of approach of which the U-boats become aware.

If the probable course of approach is known, the enemy can concentrate his U-boats for attack far out at sea, and convoys then become a positive danger. (U-boats, remember, can keep the sea for weeks and range for thousands of miles.)

No such restrictions governed the approach of convoys in the last war, and our hunting craft were concentrated at points of convergence near our shores.

TO-MORROW:

What Next in the Balkans?

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One of the greatest authorities on the Near and Middle East.

MR FORREST CROSS-EXAMINES WITNESS IN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT INQUIRY

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paid over in full to the Colonial Treasury.

(d) Payments on behalf of the Department must be made by the Treasury after the Accountant General has satisfied himself that the amount is in order and duly authorized by warrant under the hand of His Excellency the Governor.

(e) It is provided, however, that where the circumstances are such that immediate payment is necessary without allowing prior reference to the Treasury, payment may be made from an imprest account granted to the Head of Department. Such payments are made on the personal responsibility of the imprest holder and are subject to review later by the Treasury.

Given Free Hand

In these Colonial Regulations no attempt is made to prescribe forms or procedure or to lay down precise forms of receipts for money and the accounting officers of each administration are given a free hand to institute such records as they think fit within the framework of these Regulations. It is, perhaps, hardly necessary to point out that these Regulations merely give effect to elementary principles well known to all accountants, the Colonial Treasury occupying a position in Government corresponding to that of the Accountant General in a business firm.

Towards the end of October—that is to say, more than two months after the report of Mr Middlebrook—the question of accounts for the proposed new department was raised verbally and on 31st October suggestions were made, copy of which is to be found at (1) in Treasury file No. 33/20/20, and a form of departmental cash book devised. This cash book was not adopted, I discovered later, nor was any other form of general departmental cash book instituted. It is significant, too, that although it was admitted that deposits would have to be refunded from interest on the Immigration Office accepted as probably adequate an imprest of \$1,000 sufficient to refund, say, 20 deposits per day. Eventually it was found when the department commenced to operate, that an imprest of no less than \$40,000 was necessary. In October, in fact, it was not even thought that the number of deposits anticipated justified the printing of a special form of deposit receipt.

Without Consultation

It was my intention to recommend to the Immigration Officer forms of permits which would themselves constitute the form of receipt for the fee paid. Without consulting me, however, or, as far as I am aware, the Auditor, the Immigration Officer devised and had printed some thousands of permit forms, bound in books of 200 each, which from my point of view were open to almost every possible objection, including:

- (a) No mention of the fee charged.
- (b) No reference to the date of issue (from which the currency of the permit ran).
- (c) Bound in numbered booklets, according to European standards.
- (d) So devised that the pasting of the applicant's photograph on the counterfoil would have caused the binding to burst long before the book was completed. Eventually, on Treasury advice, these were scrapped and the present system of serially numbered booklets hurriedly substituted. About the same time a system of records was devised by me and accepted by the Immigration Officer, showing both quantities and serial numbers of permits passing to and fro in the department, to be kept by officers entrusted with:
- (a) The custody of blank permits
- (b) The receipt of blank permits for completion and their completion.
- (c) The receipt of completed permits for signature and their signature.
- (d) The custody of completed permits.
- (e) The issue of permits against the receipt of the prescribed fees.

This system was designed to prevent permits going astray, either by accident or design, and to assist in ensuring that all fees were duly collected and brought to account, and was simply in the extreme, being merely a series of debit and credit books which could be kept by any intelligent person. As will be seen later, this system was only partially carried out.

Specialty Designed Forms

Deposit receipt forms, especially designed for immigration purposes, were then prepared by mutual agreement between myself and the Immigration Officer and with the Cash Books already recommended there seemed to be no reason why everything should not run smoothly. The Immigration Officer was allocated the services of Mr A. J. G. Taylor, an officer of the S. C. & A. S. with accounting experience, as an Assistant Immigration Officer, but he chose to send him as officer-in-charge at Tai-po rather than to utilise his services for the supervision of the accounts in their early stages.

But never once during all these preliminary discussions did the Immigration Officer give me any indication of the many thousands of applications he would receive, nor the hundreds and maybe thousands of deposits he would have to take each day. And things began to go wrong from the outset. The department accepted fees from applicants at the time of application for a permit without the issue of a receipt and such fees were not brought to account in any way. At one time the Immi-

gration Officer informed me that his safe was full of money to an unknown amount belonging to unknown persons and that various drawers in the office were similarly full. Amounts were paid into Treasury without adequate supporting details as to what they represented. I recall in particular an amount of just over \$20,000 paid in by the Immigration Officer for the credit of deposit accounts although he was admittedly unable to state from whom it had been received and consequently to whom it should be repaid. It must have represented nearly one thousand different individuals. Details of the serial numbers of Deposit receipts issued and brought to account from time to time in the Treasury disclosed gaps which were explained by the Immigration Officer as representing receipts issued in respect of security other than Hongkong dollars. No detailed statement has, however, been furnished in respect of receipts so issued and I have little hope of ever getting such a statement. I am quite unable to accept foreign currencies or to acquiesce in their acceptance by other departments. There was even a suggestion at one time of accepting deposits in kind. No attempt was made to open a deposit book and the only attempt at keeping a departmental cash book was no more than a list of receipts.

Forged Notes Found

Early in January it came to my notice that a number of unsecured ladies were handling money and that the monies they received were placed with those of shroffs supplied to the department after Treasury training so that it was impossible to verify or control the cash received by any particular individual. It did not surprise me, therefore, to find several forged notes amongst the cash brought to the Treasury from the Immigration Department, including one of \$100. It was impossible to discover who was responsible for the presence of the forgeries, one of which was particularly obvious, since the serial number was printed in deep blue. At the same time, Mr. A. J. G. Taylor, Treasury Accountant, reported to me as in 63 in the Treasury file. Owing to the pressure of work in the Treasury due to the high rate of expenditure arising out of the war it was not possible to spare a Treasury Officer as he suggests, but on my advice it was eventually agreed to bring Mr. A. J. G. Taylor back from Tai-po, to endeavour to restore order in the chaos.

In view of the revelations in these reports I reported to Government in the terms of 31 in C.S.O. file No. 2887/41. The comments of the Hon. the Financial Secretary to the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, together with the latter's remarks are on page 9 of that C.S.O. file.

New Year's Eve Request

Shortly after this occurred an event which I think should be brought to the notice of the Commission. On 4.00 p.m. on the afternoon of Sunday, January 26th—that is to say on the afternoon of the eve of Chinese New Year—the Immigration Officer rang me up to say that his supplies of deposit receipt books had run out. Could I let him have some more at once?—And this, although he was well aware that Treasury does not keep a reserve stock of special departmental receipt forms. All the printing works were shut and would remain shut for several days. What could he do? I had no alternative but to agree to his preparing a limited quantity on a duplicating machine, allocating a special serial letter to this issue, personally initialling each one and notifying me and the Auditor of the quantity thus prepared. Although I have asked for it I have not yet been informed as to how many were prepared, whilst those which I have seen bear, not the initials of the Immigration Officer but a "chop" which, I am informed is his Chinese name.

On February 3rd I personally inspected the Immigration Office. The state of affairs which I found is best described in my minute to the Hon. the Financial Secretary on pp. 11 and 12 of C.S.O. file No. 2887/41. The opinion of the Hon. the Financial Secretary is on p. 13 of that file. Shortly after this it came to my notice through unofficial channels that a Mr. E. A. von Kobza, styling himself the General Agent of the Immigration Department was collecting revenue on behalf of Government and making refunds of deposits and that, further, claimants were being officially asked to apply to the "General Agent" if they wished to avoid delay in obtaining refunds. As the officer entrusted with the duty of making all payments on behalf of Government, either directly or through authorised representatives in other departments I could not allow this practice to continue. The Immigration Officer himself was absent from his office on that day, but at my request his assistant gave instructions that the repayment of deposits by the General Agent was to cease forthwith. The next day the Immigration Officer himself and Mr. von Kobza came to see me. My report to Government, in L.M. "General Agency" gives details of the relations with the "General Agent" and it is of interest to note that whilst this report was under discussion certain revenue collections by the General Agent were paid into Treasury by cheques drawn on the account of the "Kobza Art Studio."

Report To F.S.

In his report to the Financial Secretary, Mr Pudney referred to the



Mr R. A. D. Forrest

discovery of unsatisfactory state of affairs at the Immigration Department on several occasions that he visited the Department, but he felt compelled now to make a formal report, for as the chief accounting officer of Government he felt he would be personally responsible.

Mr Pudney reported that no single member of the Immigration Office staff was entrusted with the duty of co-ordinating and supervising the accounts and work generally in the department. He suggested that Mr A. J. G. Taylor be appointed to organise this side of the Department's activities. Mr Pudney also mentioned that he had discovered that an ex-hairdresser as Secretary to the Department.

The financial side of affairs, he discovered, were entrusted to a lady cashier who had furnished no security, with a few unsecured shroffs to assist her.

Mr Pudney said that he had lent several shroffs to the Immigration Office, often at very short notice, and they all reported lack of accommodation and that it was difficult to work with the chaotic conditions in the department.

Insufficient Accounts Books
He also reported to the Financial Secretary that there was an insufficiency of books of accounts in the department. There was no general cash book, and there was no note service ledger. No record of expenditure was produced when the department was inspected. Collection books were kept by the shroffs who did not bring their collections for entry in a general cash book.

The Immigration Officer had been making payments out of cash receipts, which was contrary to Colonial Regulations. Regarding the registration of permits issued, he found that the names of applicants were not always entered. At the request of the Immigration Officer, he had devised a simple system of departmental checking of permits in various stages of issue. It was now informed that the control of such permits was enforced only up to a certain stage. Since these permits served the dual purpose of receipts for cash received and authority to enter the Colony, he stressed the importance of a system of strict control.

He complained that the stocks of serially numbered receipts were not kept up to the required amount through the failure of the Immigration Officer to inform the Treasury of his requirements. On one occasion, reported Mr Pudney, he was met with a desperately urgent request for supplies of which an adequate number existed in the Immigration Office store.

Deregatory

Mr Pudney further reported that deposits for entry to the Colony were received by various officers of the department, but he had not been notified as to which officers were authorised to do so and what amount of security these officers had furnished.

He gathered from the Immigration Officer that it was derogatory to his officers to ask them to put up security.

Some deposits were accepted in currency other than Hongkong currency, for which he knew of no authority. Some money received, instead of being paid in to the Treasury, were kept in the Immigration Office and repayments made from this, which practice was contrary to Colonial Regulations.

In the opinion of the Accountant-General, the difficulties confronting the Immigration Officer were the same as those which might be met with in any new department, but it was his opinion that with a little foresight they would have disappeared. The situation was aggravated by the failure of the Immigration Officer to take advantage of the financially trained staff at his disposal.

The report also mentioned that the staff engaged for the senior posts was unsuitable.

No Records

In a inter-minute to the Financial Secretary, the Accountant-General reported that the system for checking the issue of permits as he had recommended was only followed up to the first senior officer, after which stage there was no record whatever. The storekeeper, he found, had in his possession several thousand completed permits awaiting claimants. A register designed to show the issue of permits in serial number had been kept up to January 23, since then it seemed to have been abandoned. The failure to maintain this record meant that it was impossible to see that 100 percent revenue was obtained.

There was a similar lack of records in regard to deposits. Certain books

of receipts had been duplicated and in one case three times. As a result it was impossible for the auditor to check existing records. The only course would be to go back to the original source of information and re-write the whole of the accounts. The Accountant General suggested in the minutes that the operations of the Immigration Office be suspended for a certain time until the accounts were in order.

Mr Barton's Report
Mr Barton, in his report of January 10, stated that he found that there was no accounting officer attached to the Immigration Department, with the result that there was no co-ordination of accounts. There was no general cash book in existence, so that surprise surveys of cash could not be carried out.

The report mentioned that each shroff in the Department was in entire control of his own collections, and there was no reconciliation of cash either by a European officer or a chief shroff.

The daily collections up to 4 p.m. were taken by the shroff to the Treasury paid in, but money received after 4 p.m. were locked up in a safe and the keys and duplicates of which were kept by the shroffs themselves.

Chairman's Questions
At the end of Mr Pudney's report, the Chief Justice said:—"You have been so detailed in your report that I don't think there is very much for us to ask you, except for a few questions regarding the prescribed system of book-keeping in force. You tell us there is no prescribed system of book-keeping for any Government Department?"

Mr Pudney: Quite.

There is a fairly well understood system of book-keeping in force in every Department allowing for modification and minimum requirements. At what would you put the minimum knowing the system as you do?—The system should start with records of blank permits, the serial number of all permits should be recorded and the issue of blank permits for completion in approved cases should be recorded on the issue side of the stock book and receipt on the receipt side. There must be corresponding debits and credits. When completed they should be handed over to the officer concerned who should sign them and enter them on the issue side of the deposit book. The officer signing them should acknowledge receipt and when returned after signature, it should be recorded on the issue side of his book and on the receipt side of the book kept by the store-keeper. When finally the applicant comes along with the fee to collect his permit and hands the fee to the shroff he should receive the permit from the store-keeper who records the issue in the issue side of the book, and the shroff should note in his cash book the number of permits issued in respect of which he has received certain fees. The shroff's cash book should be totalled daily. The permit is a receipt.

Is the money received paid direct into the Treasury or into the Accountant General's Account in the Hongkong Bank?—As regards the deposits and collections entrusted with the duty of receiving deposits should keep a cash book in which he records the amount received from the receipts showing the number and amount. Whenever it is paid into the head office it should show on the receipt side the amount received by the officer concerned. Regular payments are normally made by the Treasury.

Cross-Examination
After further questions were asked by Members of the Commission, Mr Pudney was cross-examined by Mr Forrest.

Mr Forrest produced copies of various photographs, showing the interior of the Immigration office, which he passed to the chairman and to Mr Pudney.

Mr Forrest:—As you are the only official witness to be called who has actually been inside my office, does that give a fair picture of the state of affairs?—Yes.

Certain of the pictures show crowds in what is known as the public enclosure. Have you seen more people there?—Yes.

Do you think the fixtures are adequate for an office such as mine?—I don't like to express an opinion because I must know the detailed working of your office, before I could do so.

You have been in many Government offices? Have you seen other offices supplied with fixtures of that type?—It is not unusual.

In your first visit to my office, I think it was your first visit, you objected to the position on accommodation given to the shroffs, which were quite close to the public counter. Your Department lent me the desks for the shroffs?—Mr Barton probably did.

In Constant Contact
Long before the opening of the office I was in contact with you and Mr A. J. G. Taylor of your department. After the opening on November 17 I was in almost daily contact with you, mainly on matters of accounting methods, receipts forms and on the question of printing forms?—Yes.

Can you remember when Government decided to discontinue the printing of forms in the prison?—I cannot remember but the operation was carried out in July or August. Have you had complaints from the Government printers that he was deluged with work?—Yes.

The first supply of forms which you objected to were supplied by the Government printers?—Yes.

Why were other forms supplied by another firm?—The Government printers could not undertake the work.

Is it not a fact that not long after the Ordinance came into operation

that I told you the Interest Account was inadequate?—It was originally \$1,000.

\$12,000 Interest Account
Chinese New Year was on January 27 and the situation was acute then. Your Department do not function on Sundays and holidays. The New Year was at a week-end. Do you know what the Interest Account was set at then?—I cannot remember.

Will you agree with me that it was \$12,000?—Yes I think so.

Allowing for the fact that there were an unusual number of people in transit through the Colony, do you now know that I was in straits at that time and I had to borrow money from a money changer?—No.

Recently I had been in the habit of noting on the voucher in which I signed the deposit receipts the time of day. Do you know that?—No, I don't see the vouchers very much myself.

Are you acquainted with the type of cash book devised before the opening of the Department?—I remember the one which I devised.

And equipped by Mr Taylor?—Yes.

Cash Book Difficulty
At that time I had one shroff, Mr Tsui, who came from the Passport Office. He told me that he was quite unable to work that particular form of cash book. We had difficulty as you know, I think, regarding persons, who despite press notices to the contrary, insisted on sending cash by post or by chit book along with their applications. I pointed that out to you and you allowed me to open a special book for the purpose. I might have I cannot remember.

On how many occasions do you say that I had spoken or written to you or to your Department about the inadequacy of shroffs?—A number of times.

The shroffs were not all the same?—Occasionally you had shroffs lent you by the Treasury while new ones were trained.

What do you think of the lighting in my office?—I never thought of it.

Would you say it was a nice bright room?—It is at least as bright as the treasury office.

If we do away with artificial lighting would you say we would be able to work at all?—No.

You mentioned a forged note with printing in deep blue. The lighting arrangements of that office might have something to do with the note being accepted?—Yes.

What length of experience did Mr Tsui have?—I should say we had him three weeks or a month. He was not supplied by me personally.

Experienced Shroffs
In any case apart from Tsui, the shroffs were not of great Government experience.—That is so.

Would you say the Department as a whole has shroffs who have less than the ordinary amount of training that shroffs in other Departments have?—No I would not like to say that.

Would you agree that comparing my Department with other Departments like the Post Office and the Public Works Department the shroffs on the average have less experience?—Less Government experience, may be.

They are mostly young men, are they not?—Yes.

And they would not have very much outside experience?—No.

Are you aware that I have instituted a system of report by which I may ascertain what the weekly turnover is?—No.

The arrangements for the Macao office were originally approved by you?—In a general way.

You paid a visit to Macao recently. Did you find the arrangements you had approved of in a general way, were in a general way being observed?—Yes.

Not Specifically Assigned
You referred to Mr A. J. G. Taylor formerly of the Supreme Court. TURN to Back Page, Column 4

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Superb Defence Carries Day For Portuguese Colony: Hongkong Fail On Heavy Ground

(By "Pilgrim")

IT WAS a thousand pities that rain fell steadily at Macao during the forenoon of last Sunday to mar to some extent the standard of hockey usually seen at the annual interport matches.

In some parts of the field the turf churned up badly, and in others pools of water formed, but on the whole, the pitch did not play too badly. Most of us, however, were glad of the brilliant sunshine at 3 p.m. just prior to the commencement of the game.

There were some changes in the Macao team. R. Rosario was unable to turn out at right back owing to illness; Santos Ferreira took his place, and Trigo Silva was seen at left half. The Hongkong team appeared as published.

It was Macao who took the first goal after a few minutes. A. Arosa, who was playing well and tackling hard, despatched a pass to E. Nolasco, and the right-winger sent in a shot which Benwell never saw.

The Portuguese forwards set up many attacks and kept the Colony defence actively engaged.

Then L. Costa took possession and during a neat one-handed dribbling bout, he passed Bond and drawing Benwell out of goal scored with a clever shot to give Macao a 2-0 lead.

Though the Hongkong keeper was on the alert, the defence of Bond and Goncalves was at sixes and sevens, and were almost run off their feet.

The deficit, however, spurred Hongkong to greater efforts and for a time they maintained heavy pressure.

And during a breakaway, Ozorio ran through to reduce the score which then stood at 2-1 in Macao's favour, and this remained until half-time.

H.K. Attack Improves

AFTER the interval, Hongkong gained a marked ascendancy—but not for long—and with their inside forwards doing a tremendous amount of work, had they been given better support the local side might have equalised.

Two good scoring opportunities in the first ten minutes by Ozorio and Brown went begging.

A. Arosa was playing a great distributive game at centre-half, and his passes set his forwards on the move on several occasions. He was the outstanding figure on the field.

L. Costa, left inner, was also an artist with his stickwork, and was always heading for the circle when he had the chance. It was only Bond's timely tackling and clearances that kept him in check.

However, the home team gained a further goal when five minutes from

the end, Albert Arosa ran in to score from a rebound from Benwell.

Grand Combination

TRIGO SILVA and Basto were grand, and all praise must be awarded to the Macao defence. Almada in goal was cool; seldom made a mistake and sighted the shots with remarkable quickness. Silva, left half, and Basto, left back, were seen to great advantage in close and keen tackling.

Macao's team-work, which spoke for itself, was far superior to that of Hongkong.

There seemed to be a lack of thing among the Hongkong forwards, though they never gave up trying. W. A. Reed was not at his best at centre-half, and failed on several occasions to follow up. R. Marques was the better of the wing halves, defending strongly and showing smart tackling powers.

Play was fast and exciting throughout, and under the circumstances the better team won. The match was controlled by E. Hussain and A. E. P. Guest.

WORLD INDOOR ATHLETIC RECORDS

New York, Mar. 9. At the 22nd annual F. Knibbs of Columbus Championships meet at the Madison Square Garden to-day, Earle Meadows smashed the world's indoor pole vault record with 14 feet 7 1/2 inches.

Al Blozis heaved the 16 lb. shot 51 feet 2 1/2 inches and John Borlan Ashby Park won the Casey 600-yard invitation in 1 minute 10.2 seconds. Both were world records.—Domet.

C.S.C.C. Eleven

The following will represent Civil Service in a first division league cricket match against Indians on Saturday: E. Richardson (captain), K. J. Atwell, P. Baker, W. H. Collier, C. V. Fortescue, R. H. Griffiths, D. C. R. Hawkins, D. McLeish, A. E. Perry, N. Whitley, A. M. J. Wright.

British Seize Another French Cargo Ship

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The alleged seizure of a French cargo ship called Ville de Majunga by a British cruiser was announced here to-day.

This has led the French news agency to declare that the remark about the defence of the French Empire made in the communiqué issued after last night's meeting between General Weygand and Admiral Darlan and other Ministers, also applied to communications between metropolitan France and the Empire.

The original communiqué stated that the defence of the Empire would be "energetically assured by French forces alone against all aggressors."

In this connection, the "Havas" agency recalled that Admiral Darlan had repeatedly declared that he would not allow French ships to be seized or French people to die of hunger. "If our protest should be in vain," the French news agency further reports Admiral Darlan as saying, "and if Britain continues to hold up and seize our cargo ships, it would be necessary, in order to put an end to this, to have our ships escorted by warships."

The French ship was on her way from Dakar to Madagascar. She is stated to be fourteenth ship seized by the British Navy since the beginning of the year and the 108th since the Armistice.

U.S. Steamer Arrives
VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The arrival at Marseilles of the United States steamer Cold Harbour, carrying a cargo of food and other necessities for French children and invalids, was announced to-day by Admiral William Leahy, the United States Ambassador.

He added that the steamer Enkouth was expected in three weeks with a similar cargo.

U.S. Intercession
WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—It is regarded here as likely that the United States will intercede in the blockade dispute between Britain and the Vichy Government, which is evidently viewed gravely here.

How far the United States Government is prepared to go in seeking concessions from the British is a matter for conjecture.

President Roosevelt himself, it will be recalled, was responsible for obtaining Britain's consent to despatch milk, clothing and medicines to Unoccupied France.

Britain Explains
LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—A spokesman of the Ministry of Economic Warfare said, "We in this country continue to hope that France will show understanding of our blockade policy. If there were any means of helping unoccupied France without helping Germany, the British Government would be prepared to consider them but so far no such proposals have been put forward. It must be remembered that the French Government has accepted the principle of economic collaboration with Germany."

"Admiral Darlan may be responsible for feeding 40,000,000 people in France. Britain, however, is fighting to free not only 40,000,000 in France but many times that number of enslaved people in Europe. The Germans may have released 2,000,000 quintals of wheat for France but this scarcely reflects on their generosity since they are only returning a fraction of the wheat they have looted from France in the last ten months."

Former Kent Captain Killed

Lieut G. B. Legge

LONDON, Feb. 8. (Reuter).—The death while flying has been announced of Lieut. Geoffrey Bevington Legge, R.N.V.R., Fleet Air Arm, the former Kent County Cricket Club captain. He was 37. One of the many splendid cricketers produced by Malvern, Legge received his blue at Oxford in 1925 and in the following summer he captained the University team. In both seasons he headed the batting averages.

Kent Captain

IN 1928 Legge took over the captaincy of Kent and, thanks largely to his management of the side in the field, Kent finished second to Lancashire in the County Championship. He led the county for another two years before business claims compelled him to resign the position. He took part in little more first-class cricket.

Like most Malvern batsmen, Legge showed special strength in off-driving and cutting and possessed an excellent style. He was a sure fieldsmen, particularly in the slips.

"Y" Billiards

The following will represent European Y.M.C.A. in a billiards match against R.A.M.C. Army team champions, at 8 p.m. to-night at the Y.M.C.A.—Jones, Curtis, Reserves, Whitmore, Moreland.

Hockey

Club XI To Meet British Army

The following will present Hongkong Hockey Club against the British Army in the Quadrangular Tournament at King's Park at 4.45 p.m. to-day: V. M. Benwell, V. C. Bond, A. E. P. Guest, R. Marques, W. A. Reed, N. V. M. Whitley, D. T. S. D. Whitley, E. Folwer, H. L. Oriele, and J. M. Morgan.

Italian Cruiser Torpedoed

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—An Italian cruiser of the Condottieri Class has been torpedoed and almost certainly sunk by a British submarine, says an Admiralty communiqué.

"British Wireless" adds that the Italian cruiser was escorted by two destroyers. She was seen to be hit and for two hours afterwards destroyers were seen to be alternately circling round and stopping, evidently picking up survivors.

The Italian Condottieri "A" class cruisers are ships of 5,000 tons, mounting eight 6-inch guns.

The class originally consisted of four ships. One—the Bartolomeo Colleoni—was sunk by H.M.A.S. Sydney and destroyers on July 19, 1940.

Theft From Matshed

Wong Fui, 22, unemployed, was ordered to be expelled from Hongkong by Mr S. F. Balfour at the District Office, South, this morning for breaking into and entering the a bathing shed at the 10 1/2 mile beach and stealing four rattan chairs, a rattan table and two deck chairs.

Tenant Choi, 38, caretaker, was cited as the complainant.

It was said that yesterday the Defendant was seen carrying the articles mentioned in the charge and it was subsequently discovered by the Police that it had been stolen.

Defendant has been in Hongkong for a year and was formerly a vegetable gardener.

Yugo-Slavia, Mobilising, Is Ready to Sign Pact

BELGRADE, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Foreign Minister, M. Cincur-Markovich, is expected to leave for Vienna at any moment to sign a friendship pact between Yugo-Slavia and the Axis Powers.

Some reports say that he has already left.

The pact may be signed to-morrow evening.

Meanwhile, Yugo-Slavia continues to call up troops on a considerable scale.

The Bulgarian newspapers are daily becoming more openly revisionist in tone.

General Zhekov, former Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, said to Bulgarian students: "We live in

Tennis

DRAW FOR COLONY TOURNAMENT

First Matches On Monday

THE DRAW for first round matches in the Colony Open Tennis Singles and Doubles Championships, and the Club Championship, have been made. First matches will be played on Monday, March 17, the schedule for which will be announced later.

The draw resulted as follows:

Open Singles

Byes.—I. M. A. Ruzack v. S. Y. Tong; S. A. Rumjahn. First Round.—C. Dunne v. L. Shields; Goodman v. C. S. Lee v. A. Crawford; George Chon v. T. J. Gould; Tsui Wai-pui v. O. Rumjahn; Ho Ku-lau v. K. H. Ip; Capt R. E. Guest v. Pang Ol-lam; S. T. Chau v. Wei Chung; O. Umehani v. M. Pagh; W. J. Howard v. H. D. Rumjahn; Fung Yee-pui v. Kenneth Lo. Byes.—Paul Kong; Tsui Yun-pui v. C. H. R. Oxlande.

Open Doubles

Byes.—M. Pagh and L. Shields; Goodman v. Ho Ku-lau and K. H. Ip; B. O. M. Deane and A. T. Dow v. W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell. First Round.—George Chon and A. V. Remedios v. A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong; O. Umehani and T. J. Skilpith v. I. M. A. Ruzack and A. R. Minu; Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming v. H. D. and S. A. Rumjahn; F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling v. Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui; W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v. Wei Chung and S. T. Chau; C. H. R. Oxlande and Dr. A. H. Burwell v. Tsui Yun-pui and Tsui Wai-pui.

Byes.—Capt R. E. Guest and B. C. Fung; Pang Ol-lam and Lee Kam-ming v. B. and I. Agaturoff; T. A. Martin and E. G. Mathias v. G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall.

Club Championship

First Round.—H. Van Leeuwen v. G. W. Sewell; T. A. Pearce v. C. H. R. Oxlande; V. R. Gordon v. A. K. Mackenzie; F. W. Carter v. M. A. Berens de Hun; P. J. Elder v. T. C. Monaghan; R. E. Guest v. T. S. H. Lee; H. J. Armstrong v. A. H. Burwell; T. J. Gould v. M. Pagh.

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5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.55 A.R.P. Announcement regarding the forthcoming Census.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—"Britain Speaks."

Talk by J. B. Priestly.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 Reginald Foot at the Organ.

8.15 Harry Roy's New Stage Show. (Recorded at the actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London.)

8.30 Film Selections.

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 De Groot and His Orchestra with Charles Kullman (Tenor).

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 London Relay—Talk: "Scots Abroad."

10.15 Humorous Variety Programme.

11.00 Close Down.

Ranji Trophy

MADRAS, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy for the second year in succession, beating Madras by six wickets.

Hongkong F. C. Dinner

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Club will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel at 7.30 p.m. on March 29.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 16th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27784) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Visitors are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Soldiers and Seers in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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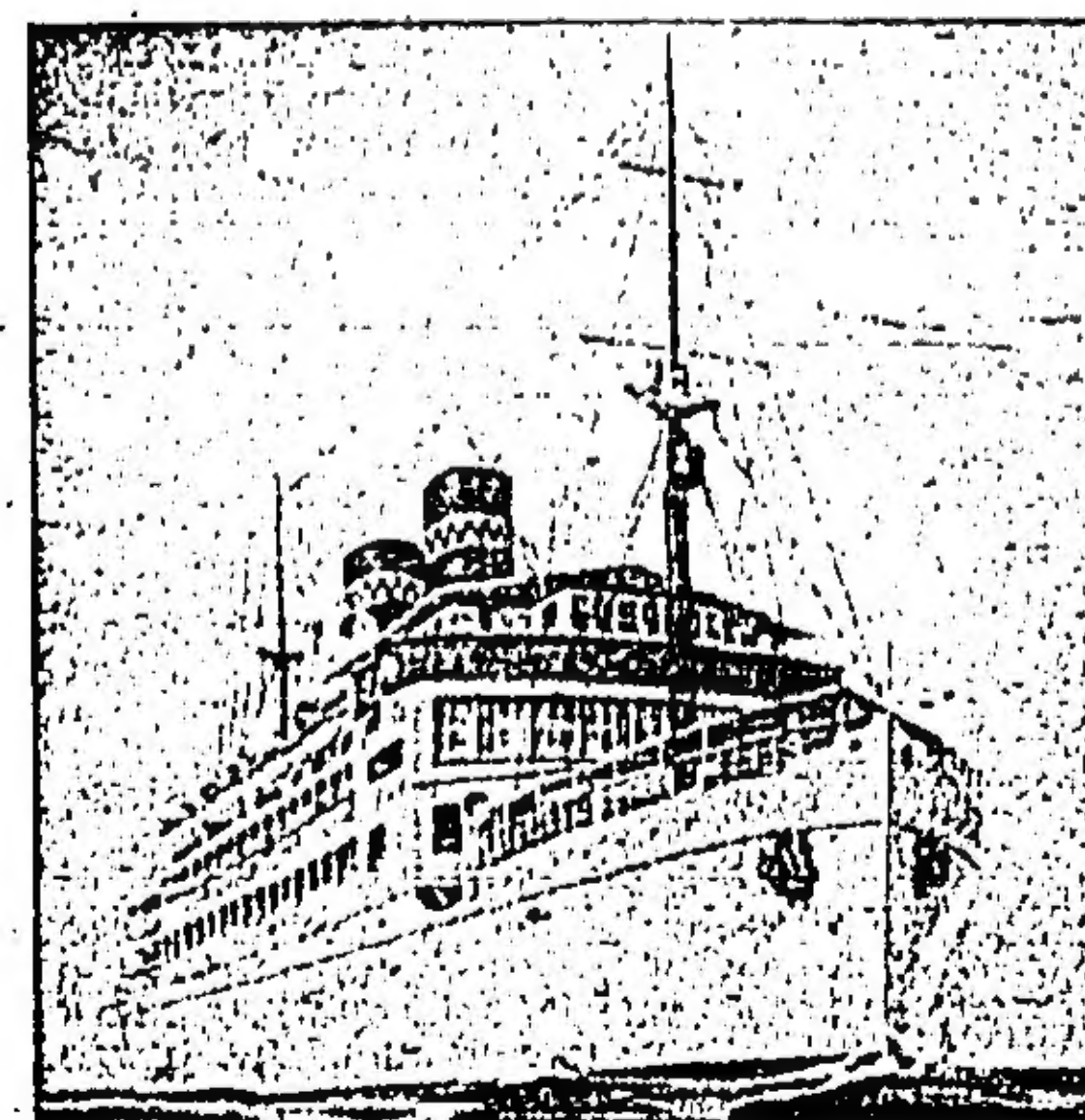
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NANCY



BRITAIN LIKELY TO OBTAIN MORE DESTROYERS FROM UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, MAR. 10 (REUTER).—THERE IS SOME REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WILL ANNOUNCE THE TRANSFER OF ANOTHER BATCH OF DESTROYERS TO BRITAIN SHORTLY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE AND LEND BILL.

This measure, it is thought, will be one of a series of dramatic steps which the President will take before the week is out to give immediate effect to the Bill.

It is believed here that now that the Bill is passed, the legislators who opposed its passage will vote the vast sums required under the Bill on the theory that if the country wants the Bill, it should not be half-hearted about it but should really render all aid short of war.

Regional Status Quo

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The Senate to-day unanimously approved a resolution affirming the principle that the United States Government should not recognise the transfer of any region in the Western Hemisphere from one non-American power to another.

It provides that if such a transfer appears likely, "the United States shall, in addition to other measures, immediately consult other American Republics to determine upon the steps which should be taken to safeguard their common interests."

The House of Representatives to-day unanimously agreed on the preceding whereby after a two hours' debate on the Lease and Lend Bill to-morrow, a further vote will be taken on the proposal to agree to all the Senate amendments to the Bill.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican, told reporters to-day that in the two roll-calls, 89 out of 95 Senators voted in favour of aid to Britain either for the Lease and Lend Bill or Senator Robert Taft's substitute proposal for a loan of \$2,000,000,000. This, he said, showed a "far more impressive demonstration of national unity than the final roll-call might disclose."

Press Urges Action

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (UP).—The "New York Times" in an editorial says that following the passage of the Lend and Lease Bill bold action is required. Firstly, preparations must be made to transfer to Britain such weapons, particularly destroyers and planes, as can be spared from America's own arsenal. Secondly, steps must be taken to consolidate the purchasing programme with the British. Thirdly, production must be enormously accelerated.

The "Philadelphia Record" comments: "We only hope that beginning now the President will proceed to make the most of his powers. The course is now chartered; there must be no faltering, no quibbling."

The "Philadelphia Inquirer" declares, "Helping Britain to stop the Axis 'Plunderbund' before it can gain a foothold in the western hemisphere is the prime necessity for our security."

COMMUNISTS

Dies Wants Action From President

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—Representative Martin Dies to-day urged President Roosevelt to take the initiative in a nation wide drive to eliminate Communists and Nazis from Government service and Union leadership. Dies declared if he failed to get action he would introduce legislation for that purpose.

Mr. Dies said that his proposed action is necessary to "save" the national defence programme from sabotage and avoid the mistake which led to the downfall of France and other Democracies.

Meanwhile, the House Judiciary Committee started hearings on proposed legislation to deal with the strike situation in the defence industry and heard Mr. William Bullitt, the ex-Ambassador to France, testify that there was a striking analogy between the present attitude of the United States and the attitude that destroyed France. He testified that "France had a wonderful war production programme arranged for 1942—but France was destroyed in 1940."

CURRIE BACK IN U.S.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Mr. Laughlin Currie, President Roosevelt's emissary to China, arrived here to-day en route to Washington.

He declined to comment on his trip, saying "I am saving my impressions for the President."

He indicated, however, that most of his time in Chungking was devoted to economic studies.

Algerian Minister Visits Vichy

VICHY, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Admiral Abrial, Governor-General of Algeria, arrived here to-day and was received immediately by Marshal Petain. The visit follows that of General Veyrand who is expected to return to his post shortly. Admiral Abrial commanded the French destroyers which assisted in the embarkation at Dunkirk.



Miss Irene Lau, trained beauty expert of the A.P.S. Cosmetic Shop, is here seen giving a demonstration of three-dimensional make-up, the last word in beauty culture. (Photo: Ming Yuen).

Italians Smashed In New Greek Offensive

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—The fourth day of the big Greek offensive against the Italian centre in Albania continues to-day with unabated fury.

The Greek troops, states the Athens radio, are pushing on with the utmost determination. Two mountain ranges have now been almost completely cleared of Italian forces.

The Italians, who have been driven from their network of machine-gun posts cunningly concealed in deep crevices of rocks, are stated to have suffered heavy casualties, whole detachments being wiped out.

One of the principal units defending the approaches to Tepelini, key-town to Valona Harbour, endured particularly severe losses. Nearly all the effectives of the Seventh Black-shirt Battalion were also killed.

A few prisoners were taken, including Major Pelligrini, a member of the Fascist Grand Council.

Duce To Botta

Another battalion to meet with disaster was commanded by the Italian Education Minister, Bottai, who may have been killed.

A personal message from Mussolini to Bottai was found on an unidentified body of a major, begging Bottai to do everything in his power to stop the Greek advance. "Otherwise," said Mussolini, "Fascism would die with her."

Million U. S. Soldiers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (UP).—The United States Army passed the million mark to-day for the first time since the World War. It is officially stated that the strength is now 1,035,000 men.

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MALTA REPELS 400th RAID German Bombers

MALTA, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Three enemy formations attacked Malta from different sides at noon to-day, according to a communiqué.

A formation of bombers came over the south coast but did not release bombs.

Simultaneously, however, several Messerschmitt 110's attacked and machine-gunned the seaplane base. This followed two alarms during the morning when the enemy approached Malta, presumably on reconnaissance.

Following the mid-day raid, the enemy approached the coast in the afternoon but was turned away without attacking.

There have now been 400 raids on Malta.

Matsuoka Story

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10 (Central News).—Much speculation has been aroused in newspaper circles in Shanghai by the action of "Trans-ocean" in "killing" the Matsuoka story.

The agency yesterday issued a story stating that Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese Foreign Minister, was shortly proceeding to Berlin to confer with German government leaders but ten minutes after the release of the story, it was cancelled. No explanation was given.

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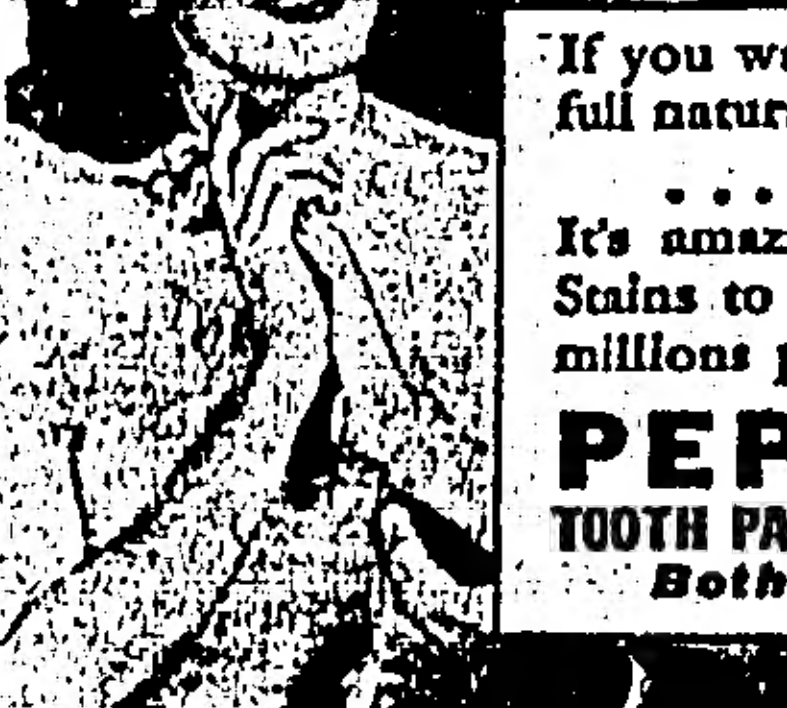
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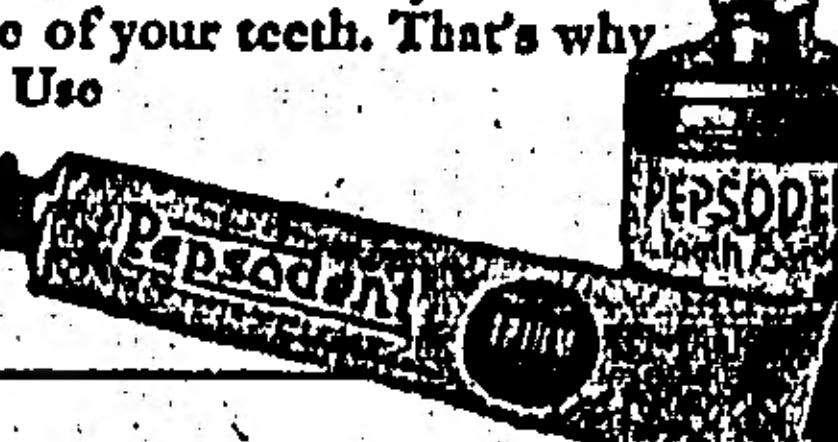
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Passengers Aboard Kashima Maru

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
YOKOHAMA, Mar. 10 (Domei).—Two American-born Japanese sailed from here for Australia at noon today for assist Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, first Japanese Minister to Australia. They are Hidemichi Tokimasa a graduate of Hawaii University, and Miss Tamae Tsutsumida, graduate of Saint Maria's High School in California.

Many American and English passengers were also aboard the Kashima Maru which is scheduled to call at Kobe, Hongkong, Manila, Sydney, and Melbourne.

STOCK EXCHANGE GILT-EDGED HOLDINGS MAIN FEATURE

LONDON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, interest was mainly centred on gilt-edged holdings in which further rises were registered although a little profit-taking fractionally reduced early gains.

India stocks made further headway on good buying. Elsewhere business was confined to small limits. Among the foreign bonds, Czech and Austrian loans were slightly higher.

Wall Street was dull.

LATE NEWS

Immigration Dept Probe Continues

Giving evidence when the Immigration Office Inquiry resumed this afternoon, Mr. L. A. Barton, Cashier in the Treasury Department, said that the Immigration Office had absolutely no system of accounts. He found things very confused, so much so that he did not attempt to make a full report. He found there was no privacy in the office, and the noise of the people who crowded into the office made conditions chaotic.

Cross-examined by Mr. Forrest, Mr. Barton said there were always numbers of people walking about among the staff in the office, but he admitted that he was not perhaps able to distinguish between members of the staff and the general public.

He said he had seen a barricade intended to separate the public from the office staff. He commented on the size of the office and agreed that it was inadequate. Referring to Mr. Forrest's room he agreed that it was a quieter place than the rest of the office.

Mr. Barton admitted that he had not seen any unsecured shroffs receive money in the office except one, which was in Mr. Forrest's room.

He had received some minutes from Mr. Forrest complaining of the inadequacy of shroffs and he had himself supplied several secured shroffs to the department as a result.

He said he could not recall seeing a complaint from Mr. Forrest about the inadequacy of the office furniture.

Matsuoka Off To Germany, Italy

TOKYO, Mar. 11 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Mr. Matsuoka is leaving for Germany and Italy to-morrow evening.

He will "exchange felicitations with, and meet leaders of Germany and Italy in connection with the conclusion of the Tripartite Pact."

Mr. Matsuoka will be accompanied by eleven officials.

Narkunda Falsity

The naval authorities state that the recent rumours in the Colony that the P. and O. liner Narkunda was sunk, are untrue.

Exchange At A Glance

| SELLING | |
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| T.T. London | 1/27 |
| Demand London | 1/27 |
| T.T. Shanghai | 430 |
| T.T. Singapore | 52 1/2 |
| T.T. Japan | 102 1/2 |
| T.T. India | 82 1/2 |
| T.T. U.S.A. | 24 1/2 |
| T.T. Manila | 48 1/2 |
| T.T. Batavia | 45 1/2 |
| T.T. Bangkok | 140 1/2 |
| T.T. Saigon | 104 1/2 |
| T.T. France | 102 1/2 |
| T.T. Switzerland | 102 1/2 |
| T.T. Australia | 1/0 1/2 |

| BUYING | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| 4 m/s L/C London | 1/3 1/2 |
| 4 m/s D/P London | 1/3 1/2 |
| 4 m/s L/C U.S.A. | 25 |
| 4 m/s France | 84 1/2 |
| 30 d/s India | 84 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in London | 4.02 1/2 |
| U.S. Cross rate in N.Y. | 4.03 1/4 |

IMMIGRATION DEPT. INQUIRY

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When did you first mention to me that he had accounting experience? I cannot say. I may have mentioned it in November. I certainly mentioned it in January.

Was he specifically assigned to my Department as an accountant?—No. He was assigned for general purposes. When did you first suggest to me that Mr. Taylor be called in from the New Territories to put the accounts of my Department in order?—About the middle of January.

You referred to the hair-dresser. Do you know her?—No. Do you know that the duty of the hair-dresser was merely to sit at a table with others and make a final check of permits?—No.

You would not dispute that?—No. The word "secretary" might have been a misnomer?—Yes. You don't think the "secretary" had other duties other than that?—No.

Temporary Employees

You told the Commission just now that you were not notified of the security officers had to put up. Do you remember an occasion about January 10 which is before the Ordinance, when I came to your office to discuss the form of deposit receipts, the question was mentioned at that time? I mentioned these people were secured officers?—I don't remember that. They were not Government officers. They were only temporary employees. I only remember you saying they were University graduates.

We had a discussion on the word "station"?—Yes.

Did you give advice to Government whether these officers should give security or not?—No. It is a recognised principle that all officers who handle public money must be secured.

Are you secured yourself?—No, I don't handle money.

An Opened Letter

Earlier in the proceedings Mr. Barnett read the proclamation establishing the inquiry, and the Chief Justice said he wished to observe that the inquiry was a public one and that both through the English and Chinese press invitations had been extended to members of the public to give evidence. He wished once again to stress that invitation. The Commission would sit both in the morning and afternoon in order to complete the inquiry as soon as possible so that the Commission could make its report and submit it to the Governor at the earliest possible date. He therefore asked for the co-operation of the public.

The Chief Justice also revealed that yesterday afternoon Mr. Barnett received a letter dated and postmarked March 7, which was addressed to him, but which had been delivered in error at the Immigration Office.

The letter had been re-directed and marked "No such person in this office," while the letter had also been opened. The Chief Justice said he would like the Immigration authorities to investigate and to find out who was responsible for opening the letter, and to take proper action against the person.

Alleged Robbery

Pun Kwok-wah alias Pun Wah, 31, an odd job farmer, was remanded until 2.30 p.m. on March 18 by Mr. S. F. Balfour at the District Office, South, this morning, on a charge of robbery by two or more.

Defendant, who is not in custody, is alleged to have robbed Wong Wan-chung of \$400, a gold chain, four gold coins, a gold finger ring, three fountain pens, three electric torches, two pieces of jade and a jade bangle at Ngong Ping, Lantau Island, on July 28.

Going On Leave

Mr. F. Brett, Chief Junk Inspector of the Harbour Department, will be leaving for Australia on four months' leave at the end of the month. During his absence, Mr. J. L. Stephens will be in charge.

Rendel Leaving Bulgaria

British Interests In U. S. Envoy's Hands

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SOFIA, Mar. 10 (UP).—The British Minister, Mr. William Rendel, is scheduled to leave to-night at 10.40 in a special train, with 50 members of the British colony.

The American Minister, Mr. George Earle, will officially take over the British interests at 5.30 p.m. A small plaque signed by Mr. Earle has been placed on the British property stating that it was under United States protection.

Other Ministers Leave

ISTANBUL, Mar. 10 (UP).—The Polish, Belgian, Dutch and Norwegian Ministers from Sofia with their Consuls and staffs will arrive at 5 p.m. Mr. William Rendel, the British Minister is expected to arrive to-morrow evening by special train.

New York Bus Strike

NEW YORK, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Nearly a million workers living in the New York boroughs of Manhattan and Queens had to find other means of getting to work this morning when 3,500 employees of the omnibus companies in those boroughs struck.

They are asking for 25 per cent. increase in wages and better working conditions. The buses of the companies affected in recent years have replaced most train services.

New Air Bases For America

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter).—Approval was given by the United States Senate to the establishment of air bases on the sites acquired from Britain when it passed to-day the \$245,220,000 authorisation for naval and public works.

This action has the effect of Congressional ratification of the "Destroyers for Bases" deal. The Senate Naval Committee reported that the total of \$58,250,000 represented the amount necessary to complete the establishment of bases on the sites acquired from Britain.

Roosevelt's Son Granted Divorce

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LOS ANGELES, Mar. 10 (UP).—Mr. James Roosevelt, 33, son of the President, to-day was granted a full divorce decree from Betsey Cushing Roosevelt. James is now in San Diego where he is Captain in the Marines.

Election Result

LONDON, Mar. 10 (British Wireless).—Captain Sir Seymour Berry, 31-years-old son and heir of Lord Camrose, proprietor of the "Daily Telegraph," was returned unopposed as National Conservative M.P. for Hitchin, Herts.

The by-election was caused by the death on active service of Sir Arnold Wilson.

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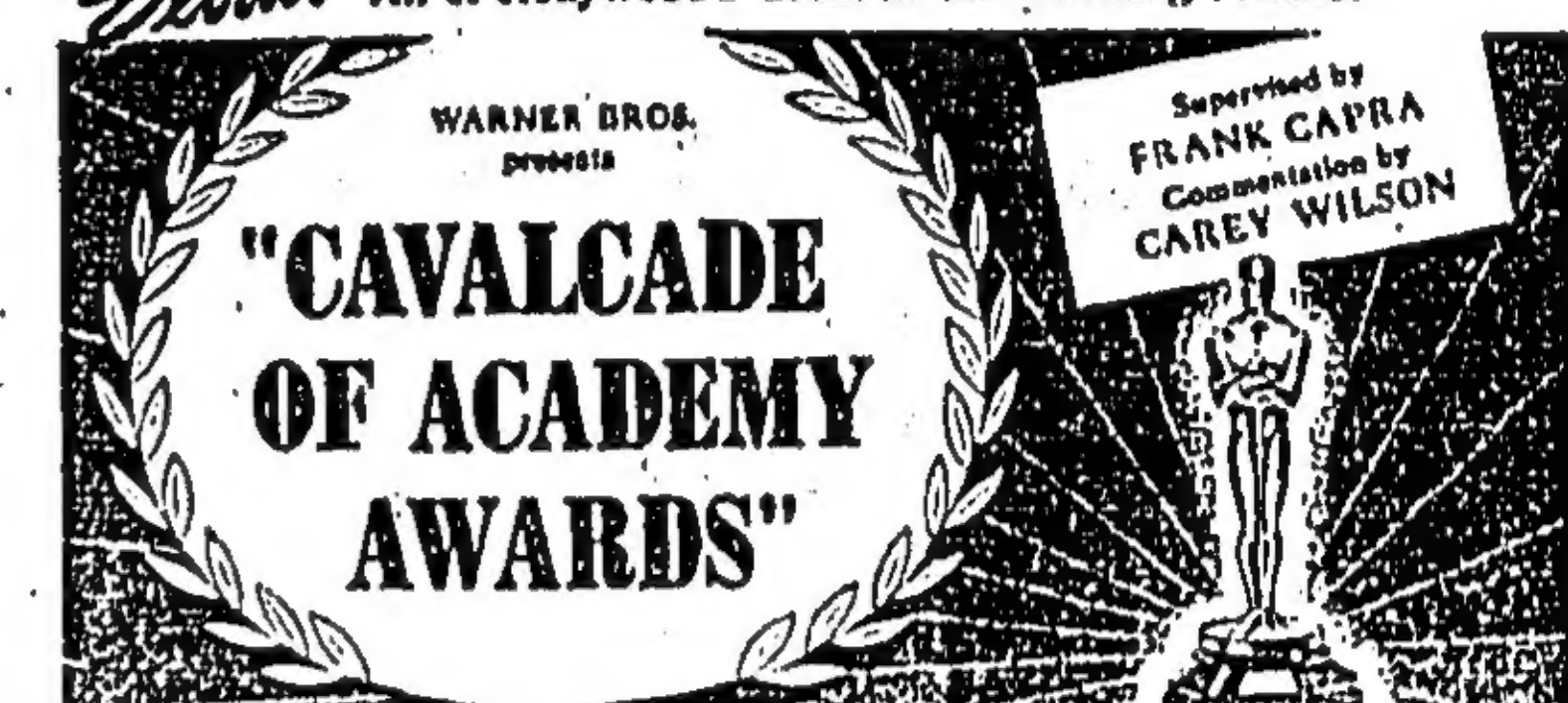
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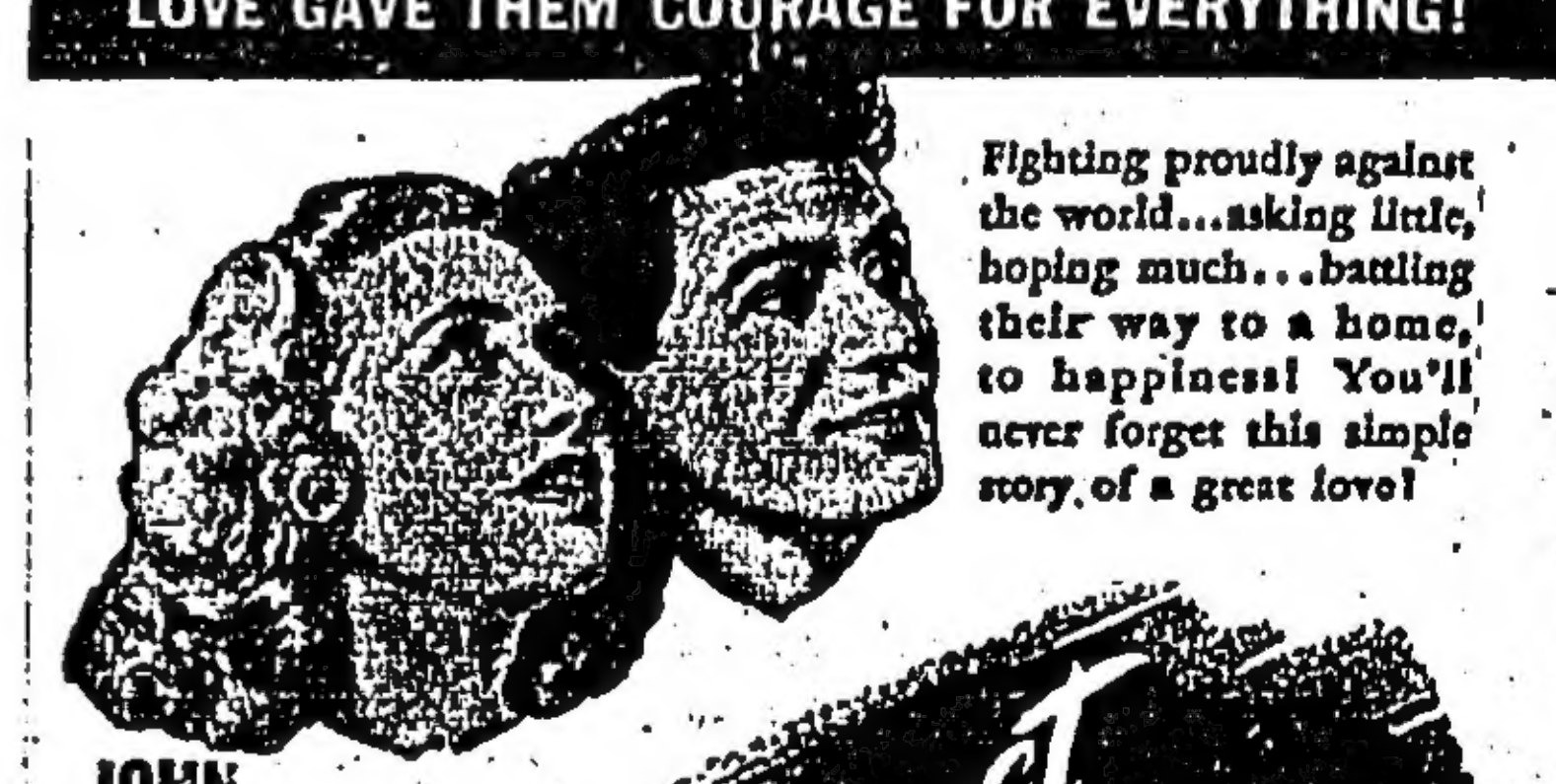
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